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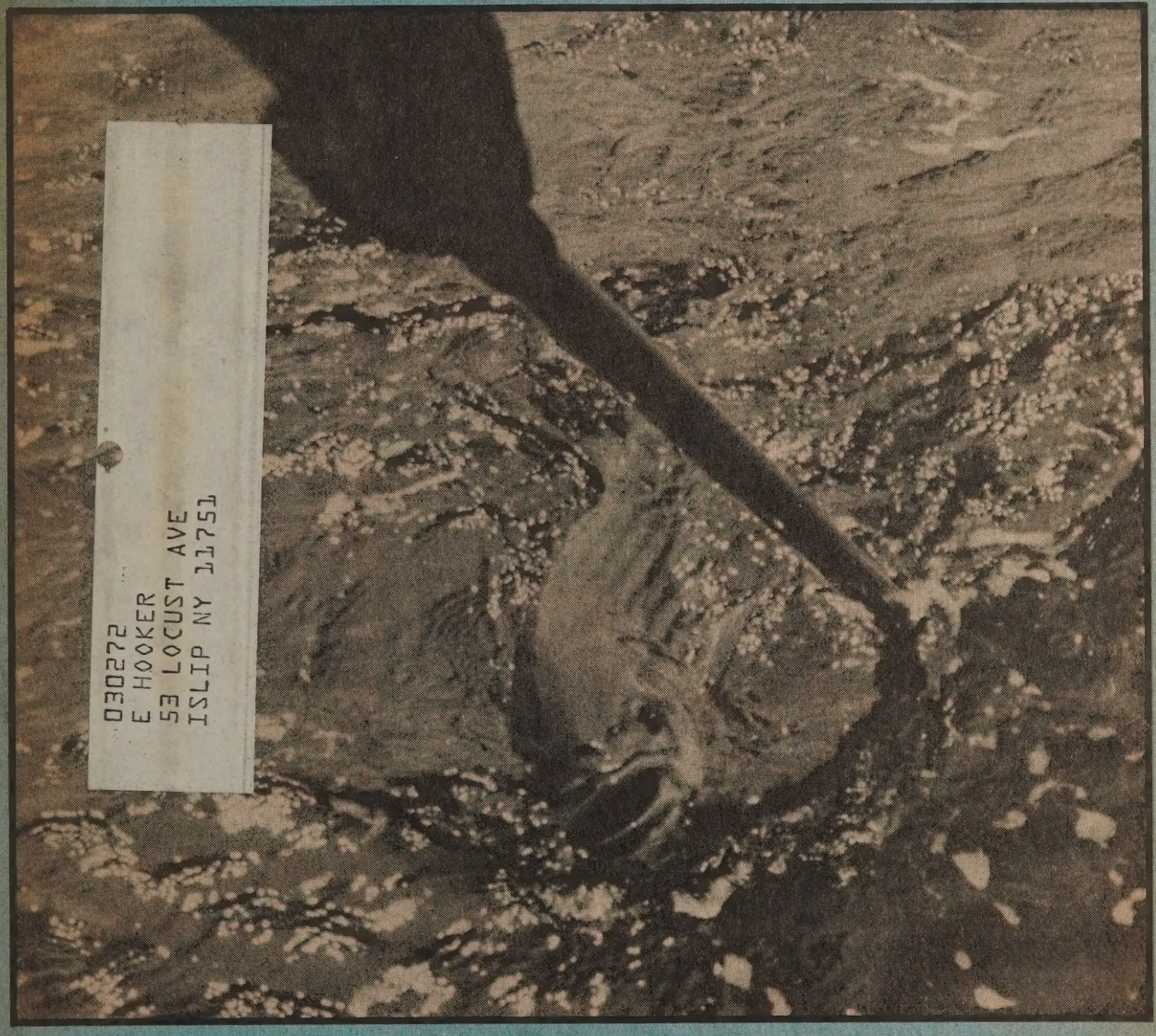


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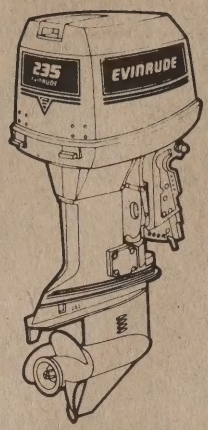


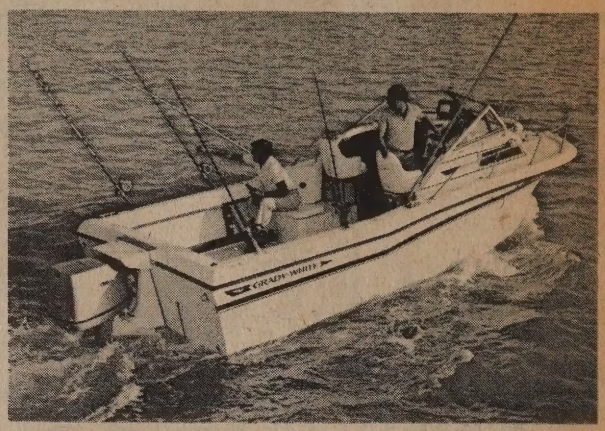

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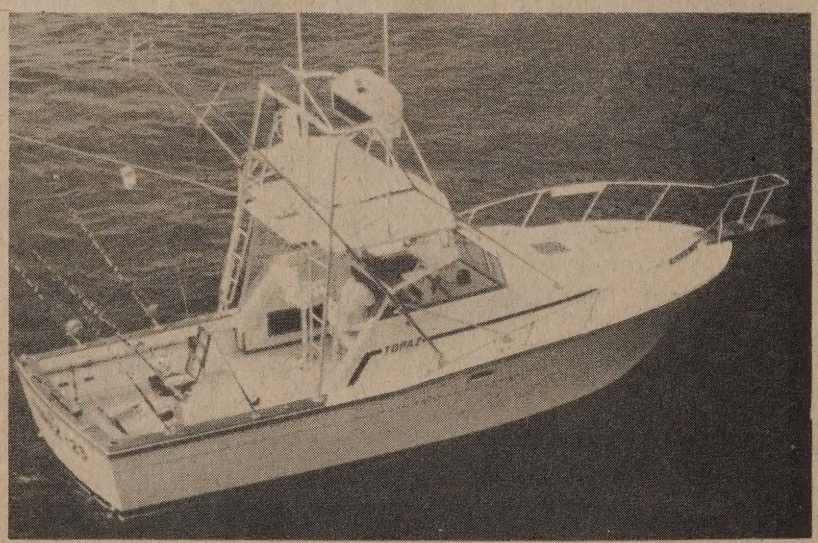

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# EDITORIAL

## TIME TO SUPPORT BASS BILL (A 6469, S 3283-A)

Several months back we gave testimony at a public hearing sponsored by Senator Owen Johnson to the effect that the State of New York needs an effective striped bass management law. We also urged everyone to put their petty differences on some issues aside and direct their attention to the passage of a bill—even if it wasn't the perfect bill.

We were urged to follow those comments up with an editorial of clarification because some people took these comments to mean that we did not support a call for a 24 inch minimum size limit for striped bass. However, we weren't against anything except a continued failure to pass a striped bass management bill—and we said so!

This year's fight for a bass bill has been very unusual. The history of proposed striped bass legislation has been dominated by controversy and bitter debates. This year the legislative scene has been very quiet. We have been told by many sources that the surface quiet reflects intense behind-the-scenes negotiations. We, at LIF, have kept a low profile and have only offered data, support, and arguments quietly behind-the-scenes when it was requested. Last year we spent over 1,000 man-hours in a liaison effort between various interest groups trying to bring their points of view closer together. We also went to Albany and lobbyied for the passage of the bass bill along with a few others. We like to think that some of the time we spent educating legislators and vested interest groups has borne fruit in 1983. Thus, it seemed best to let the process run its course because, for the most part, people were talking and negotiating.

Well, now it appears that a consensus is near. Differences between a desire for a 24 inch limit by sportsmen's groups and an expressed support for an 18 inch limit by other quarters seems to be near resolution. In any event, we'd like to tell you about the current status of these bills (things may move quickly from here on and by the time you read this there may be some variations added) and to urge that you write to your Assemblymen and Senator to vote yes.

Before we go any further, it is important to point out that the bills now being introduced aren't perfect. Realistically, it isn't possible to write a perfect bill. We always try to get as close to perfect as possible, but we have no right to expect that imperfect people will write perfect legislation. The point is that the bill isn't perfect, isn't likely to be made perfect by last minute changes, and we shouldn't wait around for a perfect bill. We've said it before and we'll say it again. If we keep waiting for perfection, this century may come and go without a bass bill.

The questions we need to ask are: Will this bill help to manage striped bass? It is an improvement over what we have now? If, after we have outlined the basic points of the bill, you feel you can answer yes, then you have an obligation to support it—even if all you write is "We need a striped bass management plan passed in 1983."

The key elements of the bills are:

1. Increases the minimum size for striped bass to 18 inches in the Hudson River and 24 inches for the coastal fishery.

2. Establishes a closed season between December 1st and April 21st of each year.

3. Allows netters to keep five percent of their catch by weight that is between 18 and 24 inches. This measure is an attempt to deal with the question of a dirty fishery in New York State.

4. These provisions basically bring the proposed legislation in line with the basic recommendations of the State-Federal Striped Bass Management Project.

An important development this year, from our perspective, is that via negotiation by S.O.S. and Senate and Assembly representatives, both the Senate and Assembly versions are pretty much the same. This is important because it may prevent inter-house debates that could, and has in the past, prevented passage of a striped bass management plan.

Another important ingredient, from our perspective, is that the sponsorship of these bills is right. In the Senate, it's Dunne and Johnson. Both are key members of the Senate environmental committee. In the Assembly, it's Halpin and Hinchey. Halpin is acting as a vigorous supporter and, of course, Hinchey is chairman of the Assembly environmental committee. Makes sense and we're

delighted.

The third important ingredient, from our perspective, is that for the first time many factions are in agreement about the proposed legislation and are supporting it. These groups are:

Save Our Stripers
The New York Sport Fishing Federation
The Nassau County Fish and Game Association
The Suffolk Alliance of Sportsmen
The Natural Resources Protective Association of Staten Island
The New York State Conservation Council

We'd like to add our name to this list because we feel we can answer yes to the questions posed above and because the time is right to switch profiles from low key to active.

The only key organization not heard from is DEC. We know from past discussions that the DEC had certain ideas about the shape of the legislation and it appears that the legislation being introduced doesn't include some of the items they thought important. Again, we urge the DEC to support this legislation; not because it is perfect, but because it is an important step forward that will help us to manage striped bass. We hope DEC will understand that in an ever-changing world the problem of fisheries management is not static. Thus, legislation and regulations must be reviewed regularly and society must be willing to make changes that are compatible and consistent with the present need and not the needs of the past. We want DEC to know that we pledge our vigorous support for constant review of existing management legislation and support for an ongoing process of constant improvement that hopefully will take us ever-closer to perfection.

We need this legislation. We support this legislation. We also want it known that should there be last minute amendments of a minor nature our position will not change because the first priority is passage of a striped bass management plan. However, should major changes be introduced that would render this bill ineffective and impotent, we will withdraw our support. We do not want our comments misunderstood. Our open ended support should not be taken to mean that we find every element of this legislation acceptable or that we will support any bill that is addressed to this issue. Clearly, we will not support garbage!

Therefore, we urge you to write in support of Bills A-6469 and S-3283-A today. Let's put some pressure on our legislators to pass this legislation—finally! If you know your assemblyman and senator, write to them. If not, at least write to:

Senator John Dunne
Legislative Office Building
Albany, N.Y. 12247

Assemblyman Patrick Halpin
Legislative Office Bldg.
Albany, N.Y. 12247

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As the finishing touches were being applied to this week's issue, Mr. Gordon Colvin, DEC's Director of Marine and Coastal Resources, publicly announced support of the above legislation by DEC. By doing so, the prospect of having the bills passed by the Senate and Assembly and signed into law by the governor has been increased immeasurably. Best of all, DEC has demonstrated a sincere desire to act in the best interests of the resource, based on the most recent available data and the need for New York to conform to the management guidelines established by the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan. Please, write those letters. Support this vital legislation and include a line of support for the position your DEC has taken. And, while you're writing, why not let the Governor know your feelings?

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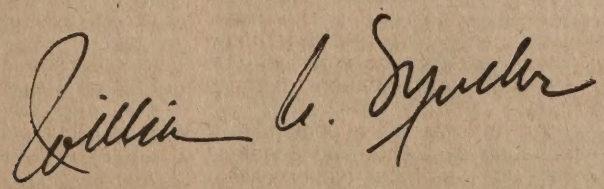


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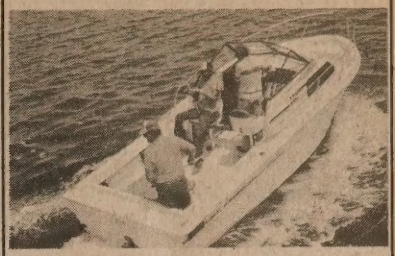

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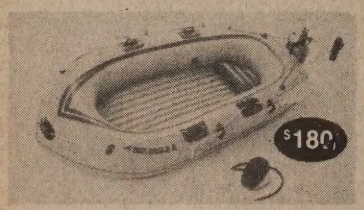
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After many years of delay, it now appears that New York State can expect to have an effective striped bass management bill approved this year. But a great deal is going to depend on you, the saltwater angler, and the **total** support you are willing to give it.

SAVE OUR STRIPERS carefully drafted a set of meaningful management proposals and submitted them to the Senate and Assembly. With the invaluable help and backing of the powerful New York Sport Fishing Federation, Assemblyman Patrick Halpin of Babylon not only agreed to sponsor the legislation, but also promised to fight for its passage by the Assembly. The bill number is A-6469. Prospects of passage is further enhanced by the fact that Maurice Hinchey, Chairman of the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, has added his name to the bill as co-sponsor. As many of you will recall, it has been the Assembly that has proven to be the stumbling block for bass bills in recent years. However, this does not appear to be the case this year.

On the Senate side, S.O.S. has persuaded Senator John Dunne of Garden City, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Conservation and Recreation to amend his bill so that it will match the Assembly version. The Senate bill is also supported by Senator Owen Johnson, Chairman of the Sub-committee on the Long Island Marine District, and Senator Joseph Pisani of Westchester. Over the years, the Senate has consistently approved good bass bills, and 1983 should prove no exception.

The legislation worked out with the Assembly and the Senate calls for a season closure for the coastal fishery from December 1st to April 21st. It increases the minimum size for striped bass in the Hudson River to 18 inches total length, and to 24 inches total length for the coastal fishery. The bill also takes care of the possible waste factor for the "dirty" net fisheries by allowing the netters to keep five percent by weight of their total daily catch of striped bass between 18 and 24 inches. In addition, it calls for a commercial striped bass fishing license; and sets up a special account in the conservation fund for monies to be allocated to the marine district. Both sponsors are committed to holding firm on the important and biologically sound 24 inch coastal minimum. The measure now conforms to the major recommendations of the State/Federal program and, if passed, will assure the continuation and integrity of the Interstate effort to save this valuable coastal fishery.

Never before has a striped bass bill generated so much support. As a matter of fact, all of the following organizations consider it mandatory that any New York striped bass management plan include a 24 inch minimum size for the coastal striper, plus a season closure:

Save Our Stripers; The New York Sport Fishing Federation; The Nassau County Fish & Game Association; The Suffolk Alliance of Sportsmen; The Natural Resources Protective Assn. of Staten Island; The New York State Conservation Council; The Long Island Fisherman.

At long last, more than 60,000 New York sportsmen are organized, and they are demanding immediate action by New York to help save the still declining striped bass fishery.

What you must do now: WRITE, WRITE, WRITE!!

We have brought the bill this far, and the next step is up to you. You are going to have to WRITE. Write a letter to Assemblyman Patrick Halpin, Legislative Office Bldg., Albany, N.Y. 12248, telling him that striped bass bill **A-6469** has your full support and must be approved this year. Then get off a similar letter to your own assembly representative. If you don't know who that is, call or write us and we'll try to help you.

A third letter should go to Senator John Dunne, telling him that his 24-inch striper bill, number **S-3283-A**, must be approved this year. Your letter to him should go to: Legislative Office Bldg., Albany, NY 12247. Then if you really want to save our stripers, get off a fourth letter to your own State Senator at the same address.

If you need any help or information, you can call: (516) 541-8676. Please write at least one letter this week and get your fishing friends to do the same.

## SQUADRON ANGLERS HUDSON CANYON INVITATIONAL BILLFISH & TUNA TOURNEY

The Squadron Anglers Fishing Club of Seaford will hold the Fourth Annual Hudson Canyon Invitational Billfish & Tuna Tournament scheduled for August 6 and 7, 1983.

The boats will remain overnight, offshore in the Hudson Canyon until Sunday. The three previous tournament yielded an estiamted 38,000 pounds of fish caught. Besides tuna, there were white marlin, swordfish, wahoo, blue marlin and shark.

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### MARYLAND PASSES 14 INCH MINIMUM FOR CHESAPEAKE STRIPERS

Late word from Maryland indicates good news for management efforts. The legislature, before it recessed, passed a 14 inch minimum length for striped bass in all of Chesapeake Bay. If the annual young of the year index should climb to 15 young of the year stripers per haul, the Dept. of Natural Resources could then drop the minimum length back to 12 inches. However, with the amount of fishing effort on the remaining brood stock that does not appear likely, unless another dominant year class should appear.

This breakthrough owes much to the untiring efforts of Jim Price, the legislative representative of the Maryland Charterboat Association. For further information, he can be reached at (301) 822-9273.

### BLESSING OF THE FLEET AT CITY ISLAND

The "Blessing of the Fleet" sponsored by St. Mary's Star of the Sea, City Island, New York will be held on Saturday, June 4th at 2PM.

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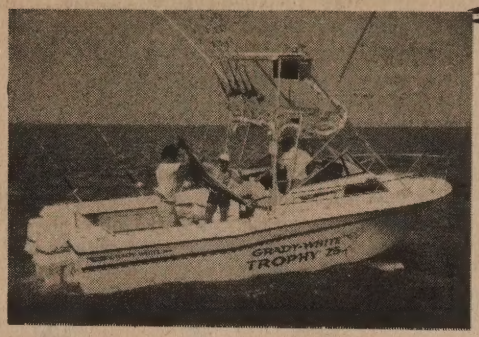


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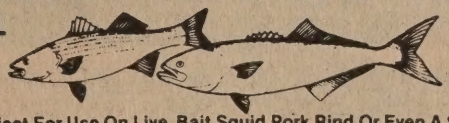

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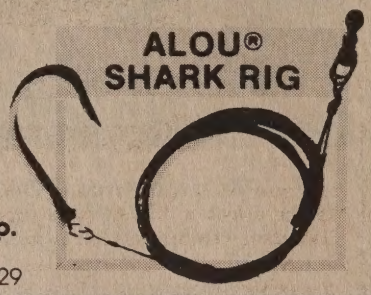


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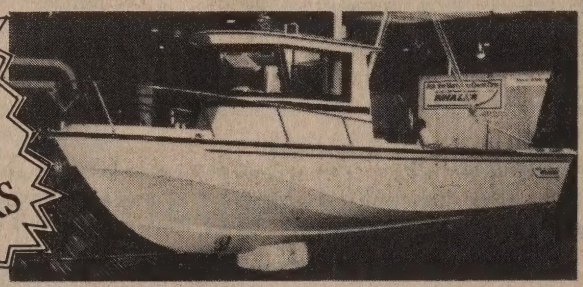

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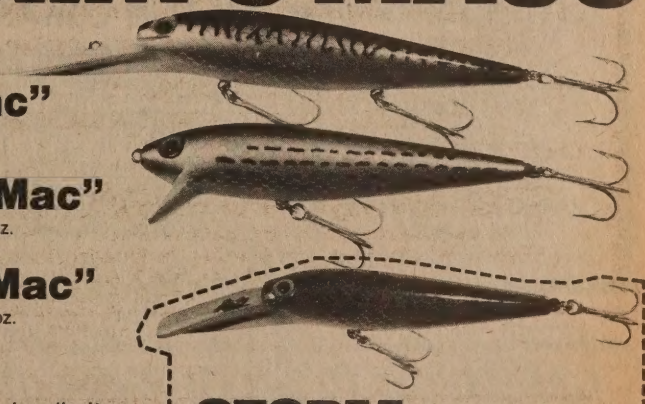

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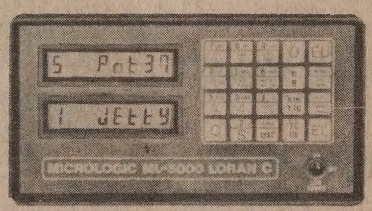


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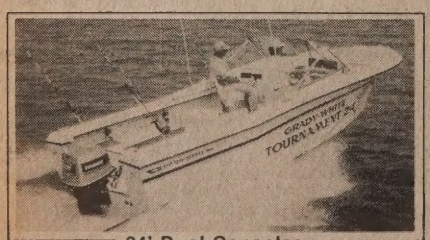

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# THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE: MACKEREL TWO MORE TIMES

*by Eileen Regina*

Usually, we do not like to send more than one recipe at a time for any species of fish, especially if that fish is at the height of its season locally. Fishermen look forward to each new species as the season progresses, then grow tired of catching them almost as soon as they get started, especially if the fish school in large numbers like our Atlantic mackerel do. Well, we are gonna sneak in two more mackerel recipes, but don't despair. They're simple to fix and a delight to eat, and we feel you'll be happy with our endeavors. Incidentally, fellows and girls, I need a bit of help out there. Some readers would like recipes for pickled eels and stuffed squid, so if you can help out, a letter addressed to me at The Fisherman would be appreciated by one and all.

**GRILLED MACKEREL**

**Ingredients (Serves 4):**
**3 lbs. mackerel, cleaned & split**
**Seasoned flour**
**Oil**
**Butter**
**Lemon**

Dry fish on paper towel, pat gently dry. Heat oil on grill. Rub fish with flour and place on a hot oiled grill for about 4 minutes. Turn fish over and continue to grill for an additional 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and serve immediately, with the usual lemon wedges and parsley sprig garnish. For a change, if the "same old thing" is still getting you down, try wedges of fresh limes instead of lemon—they're delicious. Here, some hearty French fries go well, lavishly sprinkled with a salt, pepper, white vinegar mixture that our English allies use on their tasty fish and chips. Oh, yes, don't forget that crisp salad and some cool wine—it'll help a lot!

**FRIED MACKEREL**

**Ingredients (Serves 2):**
**2½ lbs. fresh mackerel, cleaned**
**Flour**
**Olive Oil**
**Lemon Wedges**

Dry fish on paper towel and dredge in flour; shake off excess. Have enough olive oil in frying pan to cover fish. Heat oil until it is very hot (smoking slightly). Add fish, cook for 7 to 9 minutes, remove from pan. Drain on clean paper towels and serve at once, sprinkled with salt and garnished with lemon wedges and parsley. A plain, cold salad of lettuce hearts and a cool glass of white wine will help you to enjoy this quick dish.


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# GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES

## *by Matt Ahern*

**What mackerel lack in size, they certainly make up for in numbers. It's these numbers that can make for some wild fishing.**

I don't know how you feel about mackerel, but if you're like me, you certainly enjoy the wild fishing these finny bits of dynamite offer. I'm not sure, though, if I'd care to fish mackerel everyday, for what in the world could you possibly do with all those fish? But a couple of trips each spring sort of sets a guy up for the coming season. And certainly if you've never gone fishing before, these are the fish for you, for when mackerel are about it is indeed difficult not to catch them. Actually, it then becomes necessary to know when to stop—and here your conscience will be your guide; after the first couple of trips, that is, or until the novelty of knowing that you can indeed catch fish wears off. Whichever comes first.

And that's why many fishermen claim that if you've never gone mackerel fishing you've missed out on what may possibly be some of the wildest fishing of your angling career. Personally, I know that it will take but one successful trip to convince you that mackerel fishing is the grandest of sports.

While mackerel have been known to reach eight pounds, those we catch around Long Island average about a pound to a pound and a half. Get a three-pounder and you can brag a little. All of which means it isn't necessary to use heavy tackle.

Conventional tackle is best and I find that 20 pound monofilament line when using a combination diamond jig and mackerel tree to be about right—although some fellows do use 15 pound test. I wouldn't go any heavier than that 20 pound test line, though, for mackerel are line shy. (Which is one of the reasons we old-timers with our white linen lines seldom caught mackerel.) When a jig alone is used, 10 pound test is better still.

As for spinning tackle, it isn't recommended for party boat mackerel fishing. These fish are tough for their size and when two or three are hooked at one time, spinning tackle will make it quite difficult to avoid tangling your neighbor's rigs. Aboard private or charter craft is the place for spinning tackle.

Fishermen use a variety of lures to catch mackerel, but most use the old and proven diamond jig. This isn't to imply that other lures won't work. Just be sure that whatever lure you are using is heavy enough to get down to the feeding fish. Jigs, lures, whatever usually run from one to four ounces, with those of two ounces getting the most play. They are easier to handle and mackerel favor them.

Mackerel trees are great fish catchers when weighed with a diamond jig. Don't use an ordinary sinker in its place. It is the flash of the jig which attracts mackerel to these lures—not the other way around as some fishermen believe.

They say a good fisherman is always in there thinking. I don't know if I'm a good fisherman or not, but I'm always in there thinking, and by doing this I've worked myself out of some situations which could have spelled finis to my day.

Occasionally I've happened upon a mackerel school and found myself without one of those producing mackerel trees. But I wormed my way out of that by simply doing a little thinking. I made my own mackerel tree right on the spot by using a diamond jig for weight and attraction and tying in four cadmium-plated unsnelled 2/0 O'Shaughnessy hooks to the main line.

I accomplished this by forming four, three-inch double overhand knotted loops eight inches apart on the main line. Each loop was fed through the hook eye, then over the hook, and drawn up tightly against the shank. These three-inch loops became the snells and also served to hold the hooks out from the main line. If you'd like to try this, be sure your hooks have a bright finish. Bronzed, or other dull finish hooks, leave much to be desired.

Short, narrow strips of white rag can be placed on these hooks to serve as enticers, but they aren't necessary. Mackerel have no fears about striking bare hooks. This quickly-made gizmo works like a charm. Just be sure to give it plenty of action by jigging.

The beginning mackerel fisherman is often frustrated as he watches veteran anglers landing double and triple-headers with ease. He's double-checked and knows his rigging is correct; he's also doing his share of jigging. Still the fish refuse to respond.

What's wrong?

The answer is simple: fishing isn't being done at the proper depth. If the lure isn't at this all-important level, few mackerel will be caught. The frustrated fisherman can seek this information from those who are catching fish. But I wouldn't rely too much on it. What may appear to be 30 feet to one fisherman may be 20 to another—which puts you right back where you started.

When you don't know the correct depth, it's best to allow the lure to reach bottom and then begin a moderate retrieve, jigging all the while until the first mackerel is hooked. When this happens, the line should be given a dab of quick-drying marker ink. The temptation to use knots instead of ink for marking is great, but don't do it. Knots weaken mono line, are difficult to untie, and will leave potential line-breaking kinks. And knots often become enmeshed on the reel's spool or in the rod's guides—especially the tiptop, causing no end of trouble.

As mackerel will strike any shiny object flashed before them, it's best to forget the hardware when rigging. Instead, tie your jig, or mackerel tree, directly to the main line with an Improved Clinch Knot. Barrel swivels and snaps can be purchased in a dull finish if the ease and convenience they afford is felt to be necessary—but you'll catch more mackerel without them.

When fishing aboard a party or charter boat, locating mackerel is left to the captain and crew. But how does the private fisherman go about finding his own mackerel school? No problem.

Most mackerel fishing is done over open bottom in depths which range from 40 to 100 feet, with a happy medium of 50 feet being best. Especially is this so during the early part of the run. Rock-strewn bottom such as exists on the Cholera and 17 Fathom Banks are good, but mackerel fishing over wrecks is seldom worthwhile unless they are in deep water.

You'll find fishing is best when the sea is fairly calm. A flat sea with a slight wind-rippled surface is often called a "mackerel sea" by old-timers—and with good reason—for

fishing is best then. Watch also for concentrations of sea birds such as gulls and diving gannets. Their presence is a sure sign of activity below. Especially so if these birds appear reluctant to leave the area as you approach.

Mackerel are easily frightened, so don't barge up to any spot you have reason to believe contains a school. Better to work to windward or uptide and drift to the spot, getting the anchor over as quietly as possible. Wait until the boat settles and then get the mossbunker chum going.

This pre-ground chum is usually purchased in frozen blocks and should be prepared before fishing by mixing in a container of sea water. This should be stirred to the consistency of a thin soup and when fully prepared, sporadically ladled overboard into the tide. A suitable can holding about a pint, nailed or bolted to a flat stick makes an excellent dispenser.

Proper chumming is learned by experience only, but a good way to get the fish started is by ladling a half dozen scoops of chum out about 10 feet into the current. Then add two or three scoops directly alongside the boat and begin fishing. Replenish the chum every few minutes, using no more than a scoop or two until the fish respond.

Once the fish start, someone should sweeten the chum line every 20 minutes or so. Keep in mind that if too large a break is made in the chum line the fish will seek greener pastures.

Action should start within ten minutes, but don't become discouraged if it doesn't. Never be in too great a hurry to leave a chummed area. Keep those jigs working at various depths and be ready with the marker ink. Truthfully, I cannot recall ever having to move from a mackerel-fishing area because of the lack of fish. Sometimes the fish come within seconds, and occasionally a longer interval of time is necessary—but they'll come.

Another method that often produces well is to drift along slowly, jigging the lure in two-foot sweeps until several mackerel are caught in rapid succession. Lower the anchor quietly and chum as noted before. This works especially well when mackerel are hard to locate on the surface.

Some fishermen troll for mackerel when chum is in short supply. Heavier jigs are used for this, those about eight ounces being preferred. It is sometimes necessary to add a small, narrow strip of squid or fish bait to the jig when this is done. The secret is to troll slowly, trailing the lure at least 150 feet astern.

Jigging is important. Lowering the rod tip when the strike is felt is sometimes helpful. This creates slack and will often assure a hooked fish.

Mackerel often stop hitting lures after biting hot and heavy for several hours. Often at this time, thousands can be seen milling around and feeding on the chum a foot or so beneath the surface. This is exasperating to say the least, but the veteran fisherman is not dismayed. He knows that now is the time to use bait.

Remove the jig and mackerel tree and attach a #9 or #10 Chestertown flounder hook. On the snell, just before the hook, add a couple of split-shot and bait with several bunker hearts from the chum can. Small pieces of mackerel belly will also work; be sure they are **tiny.**

Strip the line from the reel and allow the bait to drift with the current. You won't get the smashing strike you received with the lure. All you'll feel is a light pick, but that's your signal to strike. If you thought mackerel were good scrappers before, wait until you hook one with this method. You may never want to fish mackerel any other way.

Cleaning all those fish you catch is easy and scaling isn't necessary. (They scale themselves as they are lifted from the water and placed in the bucket. You'll quickly find this out when handling your tackle.) Cut off the head first and then run the knife through the gut area to the vent. Innards are removed in seconds.

Remember—once that first mackerel is caught, a bonanza is sure to follow. No one catches just one mackerel during mackerel time!


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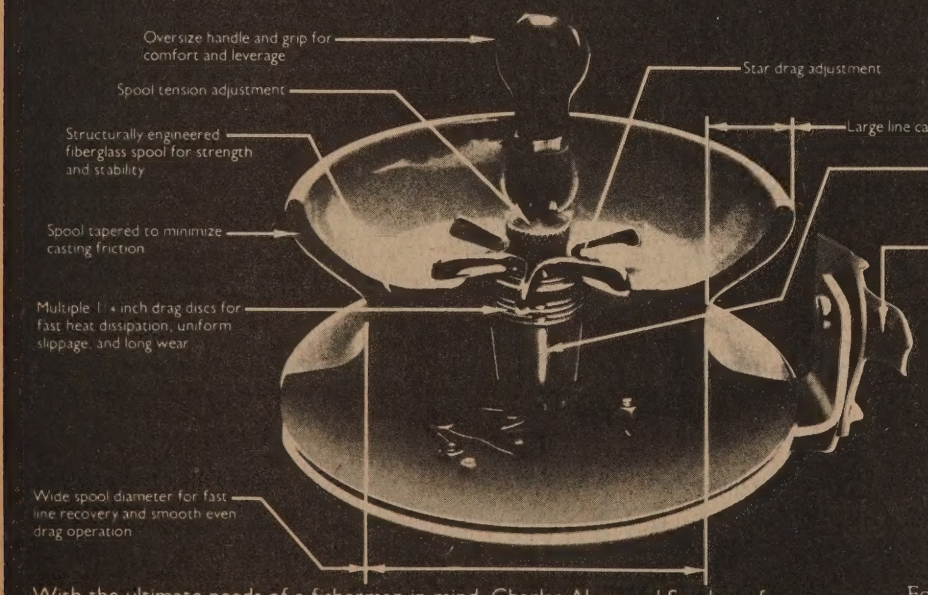
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# "BACK BAY" CITY STYLE

## by Harold David, Jr.

**Metropolitan anglers can look to their own backyard for a relaxing and productive break from the daily grind.**

Living in the "Big Apple" can present certain problems to the metropolitan fisherman. Especially to those of us who are not fortunate enough to own a boat. Since most of us have daytime jobs, our options are somewhat limited. On weekends, we can make a trip out of any open boat port and get a full day on the water while choosing from a variety of species. Only problem is, most of those ports are far enough away from the city so that we simply don't have the time to make a trip like that on a week night. That limits our fishing even more. There are many party boats that are within an easy drive of the Big Apple but, can you get to their docks before they leave on their evening trip? Then, you have to consider one more thing. These evening boats usually return to the dock sometime around 3AM. If you have to get up for work, that doesn't leave much time for sleep. There is no doubt that fishing from one of these boats is both productive and educational to the average angler, but much to our misfortune, our schedule doesn't always agree with theirs. Even if it did, the average guy would find that fishing from these boats can get a little expensive when you go out two, three or more days a week.

Don't get me wrong, as far as I'm concerned, fishing from both party and charter boats are the best way to go. These skippers know the waters they fish and I've never met one that wouldn't go out of his way to show a fisherman what it takes to be successful. These guys want nothing more than for you to catch fish and have the time of your life. You can't go wrong fishing with these guys, but it is not always practical for the average guy out there trying to make ends meet.

Are we now supposed to suffer, with our only fishing confined to weekends? Of course not. There happens to be a place right here within the confines of the five boroughs that provides the metropolitan fisherman with some very enjoyable and inexpensive fishing.

Jamaica Bay, located beside Kennedy Airport, provides some very good back bay fishing. Jamaica Bay joins together the shores of Brooklyn and Queens at its northeast end where Kennedy Airport is situated. The Belt Parkway and the Van Wyck Expressway are the two most direct routes that lead to the bay. Simply follow the signs that lead to the airport and you can't go wrong.

One problem that you won't be faced with here is parking. There are numerous places around the bay that are both safe and close to where you will be fishing. The shore line of Jamaica Bay is very comfortable to fish from due to its gentle nature, and beach chair fishermen are a common sight here.

Cross Bay Blvd. is one road that leads directly to the bay. In fact, it crosses the bay, hence its name. Along this road before you get to the bay are a variety of stores where food and supplies can be purchased. About a block from the bay is the Cross Bay Bait & Tackle Shop. This shop carries a full supply of fishing equipment and always has plenty of fresh and frozen bait available. Aside from bait and tackle, some very important information can be obtained from local tackle shops, information that could make or break your trip. Questions such as which tide, what bait and the whereabouts of the latest action. You'll find that the people who run these shops will be more than happy to pass along any information that they might have. Now that we know where the bay is and how to get to it, let's talk about the bay itself and what it has to offer.

Rockaway Inlet, which is located at the southwestern end of the bay, is the only opening by which fish can enter and leave the bay. Therefore, it is no surprise that fishing this inlet often produces for both boat and shore fishermen alike. As you head east into the bay, the Marine Pkwy. Bridge is the first of four bridges that cross the bay. A fisherman can position himself to fish from either side of the inlet or from the bridge itself. Bridge fishermen are right at home here. The Marine Pkwy. Bridge, which I just mentioned, the Cross Bay Blvd. and both the North and South channel bridges are all fairly consistent producers throughout the year.

Though many fishermen refer to Jamaica Bay as a "back bay," it is fairly large in size and holds a good concentration of fish throughout the year. Flounder, fluke, striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, blackfish, porgies, snappers, eels, and crabs all take up seasonal residence throughout the bay.

Fishing in Jamaica Bay is often different from fishing in other areas. In most places, the best time to fish is usually determined by the flow of the current. Not so in Jamaica Bay. Here, fishing is at its best when the water is at its highest point. If you want to be successful in Jamaica Bay, you must fish the top of the outgoing tide.

In the spring, the ever popular flounder are the target of anglers seeking action. These tasty flatfish are one of the most popular fish in the area, and can be caught from just about anywhere in the bay. There are certain areas that produce better than others. Areas like the Silver Hole, which is located in the southeast section of the bay and the area around Floyd Bennett Field, which is near the Marine Pkwy. bridge are good sports for those seeking flatties. The flounder fishing in Jamaica Bay is pretty consistent. So much so that on occasions when the Sheepshead Bay party boats don't make the trip over to the New Jersey rivers where they normally fish, most of them will fish the bay because it is both close to home and usually productive.

As spring progresses, action throughout the bay increases as various species filter into the bay. Blackfish take up residence at the bridges and stripers begin prowling the grassy shore lines of Kennedy Airport. By the time the lazy days of summer roll in, the bay is alive. Throughout the summer, blues, weaks and stripers are being chased both day and night by boat and shore fishermen alike. The fluke fans are out there religiously and so are those in pursuit of porgies and the many snappers that flood the bay. During the dog days of summer, a cool ocean breeze is just what the doctor ordered. That puts me in mind of another inexpensive way to enjoy the fishing in Jamaica Bay. Rent a skiff. Fishing from one of these rental skiffs provides a fisherman with an opportunity to fish various parts of the bay. It also allows us to enjoy the privacy and solitude that goes along with our sport so well. These skiffs are well within the reach of one's budget. In fact, if two or three guys get together and split the cost of a day's fishing from one of these boats, the fare is really pretty cheap. These skiffs are approximately 16 feet in length and can carry two or three fishermen and their gear both safely and comfortably. Most of these rental stations operate from dawn till dusk, therefore providing a full day on the water for those who get an early start. J-Bay Boat Rental, which is located at the

extreme eastern end of the bay near Kennedy Airport, is popular with skiff anglers working Jamaica Bay. The people who run this business are both helpful and knowledgeable. They provide their customers with an area map that indicates where the fishing has been best and they also carry fresh bait daily. I've fished out of here for several years now and I've always been satisfied. Another reason I use this particular rental station is because of its location. The grassy shore lines of Kennedy Airport where most of the striper action takes place is only a short ride from the marina. In this part of the bay also lies Silver Hole. Silver Hole, as I mentioned earlier, is the best place in the bay for flounder fishing. On the whole, this eastern portion of the bay is more productive in my opinion, especially when fishing from a boat.

I haven't said a word so far about tackle and there's a reason. I saved the best for last. If you really want to enjoy the action in Jamaica Bay there is only one way to do it. Light tackle. The use of light tackle provides the maximum in sport. A light six foot rod with a spinning reel to match loaded with good quality mono of 8 or 10 pound test is the perfect way to fish Jamaica Bay. The only exception to the light tackle rule is when you are fishing from one of the bridges. In order to hoist some of those larger fish, you'll need a rod with a little backbone. A medium action rod and a conventional reel filled with 20 or 25 pound test should do the job nicely. This slightly heavier equipment will cut down on the chance of a breakoff when lifting fish from the water. You'll also appreciate this heavier gear should you encounter a big striper or jumbo bluefish which is always a possibility from these bridges. A bridge gaff is also a handy item here.

So there you have it, a nice quiet "back bay" where the metropolitan fisherman can both enjoy and afford his sport as often as he likes minus the added worry of a long drive. Give this type of fishing an honest try; it may be just what you've been looking for.

# SOMETHING BETTER FOR TRAILER LIGHTS

## by Donald A. Brown

**A short move can solve soggy wiring problems.**

Boat trailer lights can, and have, put a damper on many a fishing and duck hunting trip. I have experienced this disappointment a few times myself along with a multitude of fellow outdoorsmen.

I would like to say thanks to our coastal towns and parkway police for not zapping my financial funds when my flooded trailer lights failed to function.

Trailer lights don't always need a good soaking to ruin them. Just being exposed to the elements year in and year out can eventually be just as damaging as being submerged in water.

My method of getting around this headache is by removing the lights from the trailer completely. There's a little more work involved at the ramp than usual and not much more. But from my own experience I find it is fast, and worth the effort.

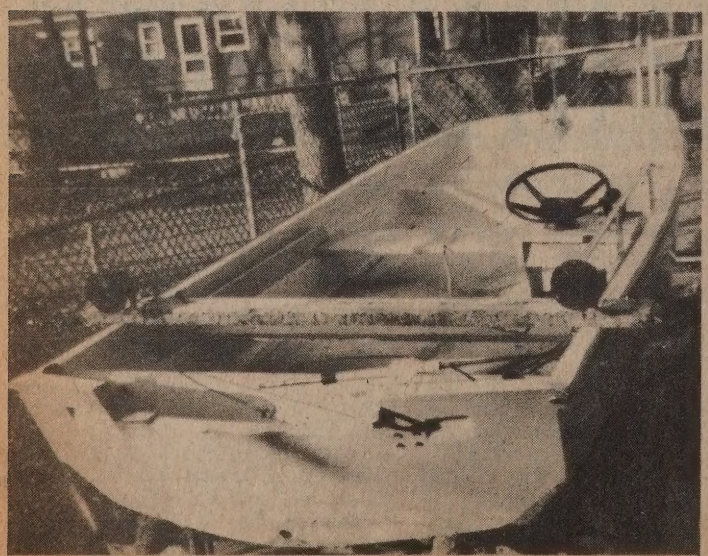
I have removed the lights and mounted them on a 2 by 4 by using two angle pieces of galvanized steel eight inches by one inch by 1/8 per light. If you have any difficulty in finding these angle-shaped bars, then buy one 32 inch piece of galvanized steel and cut it into four, eight inch strips and bend them at the four inch mark yourself. This will be a stong support for your taillights. Drill three holes in each piece—two on one end and one at the other end. The end with the two holes. Drill those two holes about one inch from the end and one over the other. And the other hole one inch from the bend. The end with the two holes will be anchored to the 2x4 with three-quarter inch wood screws. The end with one hole will be drilled one inch from the end. And this attaches to the light itself. Each light has two screws molded right into it; thus the reason for the two angled-shaped pieces of metal for each light. You can probably find these strips at any local lumber yard or hardware store. The 2x4 length is determined by the width of your boat plus an additional six inches so that there is about three inches hanging over each side of your boat for the tie-down straps. I have drilled one hole at each end; about 1½ inches from the end and used bolted screw eyes to anchor down the 2x4 to the boat. The "eyes" hang on the bottom side of the board. I have also taken carpeting and covered the bottom side of the board from one end to the other so that I don't scratch the gunwale of the boat.

For the tie-down straps, I have been using rubber stretch straps with S-shaped hooks at each end. Just hook one of the ends to the screw eye on the board and the other end to the boat trailer.

Wiring can be difficult, especially if you have never wired a trailer or board before. A friend of mine recently made this changeover and by buying a trailer light kit which came with a complete wiring diagram, made the job much easier on him as he had never done this before. I used small plastic insulated metal straps to anchor the wires that run from light to light to the board securely.

You will have all that wire that used to be in or on the trailer hanging free. When the board is in use just lay the wire right inside the boat and leave it; and when you are done using it wrap the wire up, hang it on the board and put it inside your truck or car, out of reach of vandals or thieves. When the day is over and I am at home, I put my board inside away from the weather.

I have been using these lights for eight years now and they still look and work like new. This is not my own invention, but it is an improvement.



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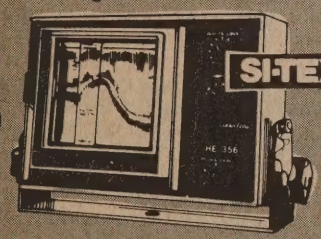


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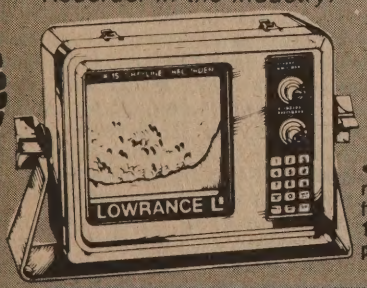


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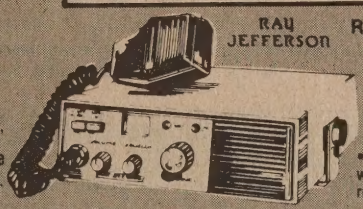


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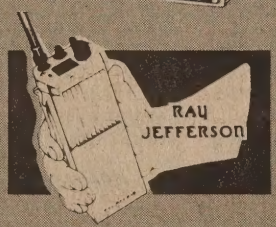


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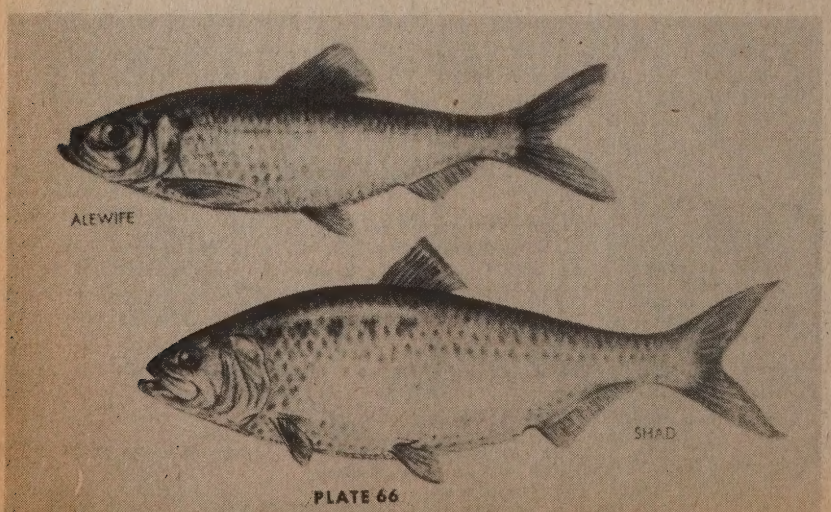
# SWIVEL AN ALEWIFE

*by Richard Miko*

**These flashy members of the herring family can be duped into striking, despite what many people think.**

As any school boy will tell you, April and May are the months to catch alewives. The alewife is a herring-like fish that enter our Long Island creeks and streams each spring to spawn.

Fishing for alewives is usually done by snagging them with treble hooks, since they do not readily take lures or bait as do trout or white perch, both of which frequent the same waters. This is partly due to the fact that they are spawning when they are active in our creeks and estuaries each spring. The other reason is that they primarily feed on small crustaceans and outside of certain small wet flies, not much else simulates this type of prey. What can be used on them, and is frequently used to catch shad (another herring type fish) on rivers like the Hudson and Delaware is a hook wrapped with tin foil.




**The alewife (top) is a close relative to the larger and more popular shad.**

A good many years ago, I would use small wet flies wrapped with tin foil to take a few alewives as well as an occasional white perch. I would often try for trout or perch with a small spinner or spoon, and in order to switch easily from fly to spinner, I'd use a small swivel to connect line to leader. Once in awhile when using the fly wrapped with tin foil, I would notice some alewives would be attracted to the tiny swivel tied a few feet above the fly. This got me to thinking they might bite better on just the swivel. I attached a swivel (size #10 copper) to my four pound test line and snapped on a small (#10 size) hook. About three feet up, I pinched on a split shot sinker, being careful not to squeeze too tight since it can cut into your line and weaken it. Using this setup, I found I caught many more fish.

Alewives fight like little tarpon, often jumping clear out of the water and bursting downstream with surprising power. This is particularly true

when hooked in the mouth as opposed to being foul-hooked or snagged. Fly rods can be used, but since this type of fishing requires a split shot sinker to keep the swivel down in the current, proper presentation is sometimes difficult. Light or ultra-light spinning tackle is ideally suited for this fishing, however.

Considering that alewives are spawning at the time they are in our creeks and streams, they are reluctant to bite on anything too large or unfamiliar to them. Sometimes they seem to grab a small fly or swivel more out of aggression than anything else, but nevertheless, they will strike it. Try casting upstream, allowing your swivel to sink to the bottom. Retrieve with rhythmic jerks and you will find many hits will occur while bouncing the swivel off of the bottom.

As to where to catch them, any reasonably clean creek, stream or estuary that leads from the bay to a river or lake, is the right type water. Carman's River, south of Southhaven Park, Swan Creek in East Patchogue and the Connetquot River to name a few. Remember, your best chance of catching them is to fish as far up the creek or stream as possible to freshwater, usually in shallow water. You'll generally see them boiling on the surface in small schools near the shore line. Care should be taken not to spook them since they will scatter and catching them can become near impossible. A trout net comes in handy also, since they have rather weak mouths and often fight their way off of a hook.

Alewives are quite oily and bony. Consequently, they are not good eating unless you're a cat (some people do pickle them), so I freeze them to use as bait later in the season for blues, weaks, stripers and even crabs. When you freeze them though, store them individually in separate plastic bags or you will never be able to separate what you need for that next fishing trip.

Alewives often become locked in freshwater lakes, but they normally return to the bays after spawning, which is usually around June. Like salmon, the alewife seems to know what stream or particular creek from whence he was spawned. It's mysterious things like this that make fishing the interesting game it is. It truly allows for experiencing nature first-hand, and marveling at its mysteries.

I happen to live near Dunton Lake, in East Patchogue. Just south of the lake, runs a creek (Hedges Creek) which empties into Great South Bay and this is where I do most of my alewife fishing. As early as the middle of March, I have seen them come up the creek to the lake, but April is a more accurate month for the start of their run. For a change of pace before other popular species arrive to bolster the flatfish force, why not give this unique fishing a try. You may even be surprised to find that these little heard from scrappers, put on quite a performance.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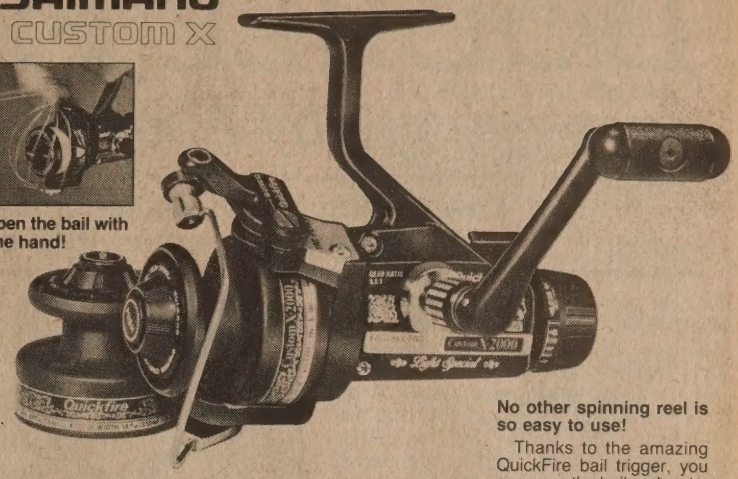

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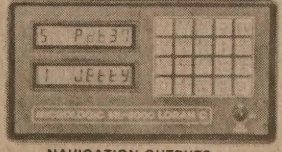

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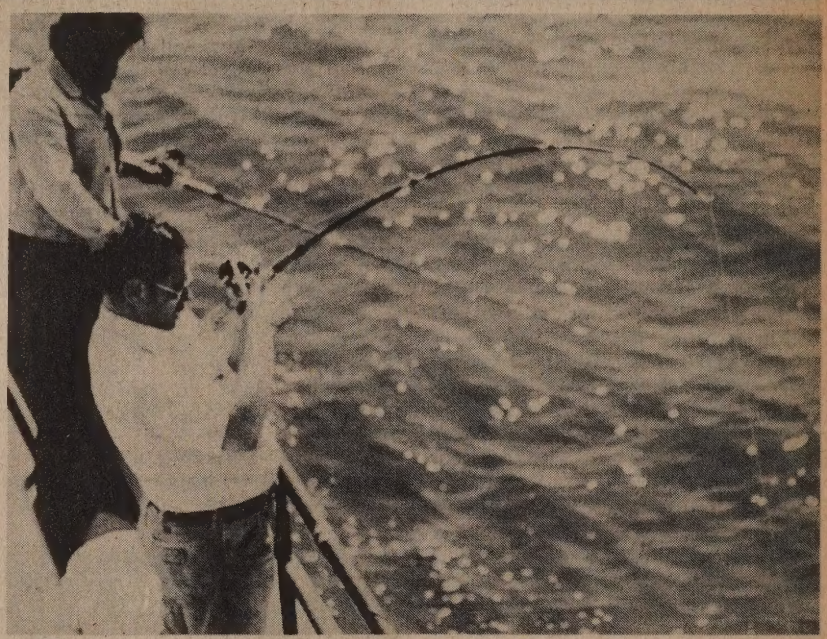
## *by Andy Regina*

**Long Island Sound sinker bouncers can count on Mr. Tautog to spice up their spring flatfishing.**

We get rolling every year on Long Island Sound at about the same time (half-past March), and for the same fish each and every time—flounder. Once we get under way we are so happy to be out fishing again, that we welcome the little flatties with genuine zeal. After awhile, the same fish that made us so happy at the onset become boring. We are a fickle lot, we sportsmen. That which is elusive or unobtainable is always the most highly sought prize. Rewards easily gained are seldom sought and often completely undesirable. I castigate the angler, yet the same holds true for everyone else in all walks of life. I guess that our fantasies rule our lives from the giddy-up. We derive intense pleasure from the anticipation, extract great enjoyment from the hunt. Once anything is too easy, once it becomes no challenge, it automatically loses its appeal. At least that's the way I find it, and from what I see and hear around the Sound, the same holds true for a lot of us.

In the spring, when we reach that stage where plain old flounder just ain't good enough any more, some hefty bottom dwellers start belting our sand worm baits with abandon. Blackfish make their initial appearance, and we have our first decision at hand: blacks or flounder, which shall it be? Most of us eagerly opt for tautogs, yet quite a few still hang-in for the flounder, especially if they are of decent size. Confirmed addicts, flattie fanciers are as surely hooked on the taste of their delicious fillets as are those poor unfortunates who cannot live without heroin flowing through their veins! Many others are torn between two loves now, and rather than give up the rewards of one species over the delights of the other, they seek the best of both worlds and try for a mixed bag.

Now is the time to try this, because one bait will entice both species and the same hook works equally as well also. No need to switch rigs or change baits; no separate moves from one spot to another are necessary. Sand worms will do an excellent job in both instances, and the tautog are moving over open, broken bottom, so a sandy patch with some scattered rock and gravel could be productive. We make a concession or two though, when we



**The husky bend in this angler's rod is a sure sign that a blackfish has joined the party.**

decide to go for combo bags, slight variances of rigging that give us a sense of security. Our tiny Chestertown hooks get replaced with #6 long shank Eagle Claw or Beak hooks, rigged in tandem right above an unpainted sinker. Notice that I said an "unpainted" sinker? Well, like most serious flounder fishermen we know, we, too, paint the sinkers we use in their pursuit, a bright, school-bus yellow that we feel attracts flatties to our area when we jig our rods up and down. Once we reach bottom, we go into our jigging routine and the puffs of mud raised by the sinker bouncing in and out of the sediment attract flounder in the belief that some live food is trying to escape. The yellow sinkers must resemble clams or mussels to flounder, at least that's the theory anyway, and that's what brings 'em to our baits, laying right near that bright atttractor.

The larger, heavier hooks are big enough to snag the blacks when they bite, but not too large to fit in the tiny mouths of flounder. In fact, with these hooks, small fish will have a bit of difficulty in trying to swallow them, which is all right with us in the first place. We don't want small fish anyhow; there's nothing to them after cleaning and they are almost impossible to fillet, which is how we like them after all. Most flounder caught this way will be large enough to keep for your table and there will be few, if any, small fish to handle, disgorge, and release, thereby reducing possible fatalities. By the same token, these hooks stand up to the abuse dished-out by blackfish and will not break or pull out once the fish is hooked.

Some anglers use two different hooks, opting for the familiar Virginia hook for blacks, and bait that hook with clam or crab—two baits commonly used for tautog hereabouts. It isn't necessary to do so because blackfish love sand worms, and the only reason more anglers don't use them is because they do not associate sand worms with blackfish. In the early part of the season, worms will outfish all other proven blackfish baits by a wide margin. We are forced to switch over to hard baits once water temperatures warm enough to suit

bergall temperaments. It is these voracious bait stealers that signal bait-changing time because they can strip you clean of worms faster than you can rebait, and a guy could go broke fast buying worms or get a weak back from digging. However, there are a couple or three weeks of grace between the arrival of the blacks and the invasion of the bergall hordes, and it is this intermediate period that we enjoy most of all. This gets interrupted when the mackerel show up, and it's all over by the time they are gone because now the cunner has overrun the Sound. Blackfishermen rely on hard stuff, like fiddlers or green crabs, and do fairly well for tautoga onitis, but the flounder-pounder has a more difficult time as he seeks deep holes in which to scratch for his prize without too much bergall interference.

When we get down to business, it becomes a religion. The rig we spoke of is par for the course now and those worm baits take on greater proportions. Where you can get by with pieces of worm for the normal flounder fishing( where half a worm on a hook is considered big), whole worms now seem to do the job much better. We start the bait off as usual, sticking the hook point into its mouth and then sliding the worm up the hook shank till it jams against the hook eye, then bunch it up a bit on the shank before piercing through the body with the hook and letting the rest of the worm trail off the bend. Now you have a big, juicy bait squirming and wriggling and enticing the fish with that wiggly tail hanging down. If the bait looks too big, don't worry; some of our largest flounder have fallen to this allure, fish in the two pound class, which are pretty big for these parts, believe me. Blackfish love a big bait, especially a nice, fat sand worm, and suck 'em up like candy.

In my halcyon years, when I used to work the beaches all the time, we used bait exclusively in the spring, at least until the water warmed up enough to attract baitfish, which, in turn, attracted the game fish. My favorite rig at that time was a hi-lo affair with a long-leadered hook a couple of feet above the conventional tandem rig tied near the sinker. That high hook was always baited with nice, big sand worms, and once the line was cast in and the rod set in a sandspike, it hung an inch or so off the bottom, due to the angle of the line coming from the rod tip to the sinker. That hook invariably took not only the biggest flounder and some mahoska blacks, but our first striped bass of the year, from the gravel-strewn beach off Wildwood State Park in the early part of May. At times this rig still works wonders for us from our boat, here in the west, and it's certainly worth a try on your part once in awhile. We seem to get best results from a drifting boat, though it does work if you're forced to anchor also.

We select a promising location, one known to hold the bottom structure we spoke of earlier—sand, gravel, inter-strewn rock—and try to select a drift that will bring us parallel to the beach. If wind or tide prohibit such a move, we try to anchor near a point—not right on top of it, but near to it to take advantage of the sandy bottom as well as the rocks that generally mark the area. At anchor, we jig in the usual flounder-pounder technique, albeit not quite as fast as normally done. Adrift there is no need to jig. Neither is there any need to chum, as you will be moving away from where the chum settles down, negating its use. Blackfish are shy creatures, extremely wary of any unnatural movement, which is why their techni--que calls for sitting tight—no jigging here, as for flounder, nor painted sinkers. But the togs will and do come after a bait that is bouncing slowly over the bottom for some reason, and very often will hit like that proverbial ton of bricks. You'll find that the bragging-sized flounder do the same thing, smack that bait with authority, and it seems that they put up a helluva stronger fight this way too.

Keep your drifts fairly short. No need for long, unproductive trips if shorter, successful drifts do the job. First off, you'll get more action, meaning more fish; secondly, you will not be wasting your time and effort. If you find repeated good action in one particular spot, you could try it awhile on the anchor at that spot; perhaps a change in tide has altered the feeding pattern, or concentrated the fish in one part of that area. Be alert, keep aware of the need to change if you must, when you must, or be prepared to go back to the dock complaining about the lousy fishing, like everyone else does!

There are lots of places to ply your mixed bag techniques. If you do not know of any, ask around or check the charts for your area. What you are looking for is water from six to twenty feet deep, with that bottom we spoke of, preferably some clean, running, live water. That gooky, oily, sludgy stuff not only is bad for your boat and motor, but ruins mono line like you wouldn't believe and it's usually not too productive anyway; so stay away.

We find some good areas along the north shore beaches on the western end of the Sound, not too far from our home base at City Island. The beach from Prospect Point to Sands Point is good, as is the beach from Sands Point all the way west to Garvey's Point. Inside Garvey's, headed towards Port Washington, is another short stretch of beach worth a shot, as is the beach east of Prospect, going towards Mott's Point. Closer to home the beach on the east side of Hart Island is good at times, as are some of the beaches off the islands along the Westchester shore line. Almost anywhere is good if you give it an honest effort and persevere in your attempts at getting that mixed bag of fish you want. Stick with it, Yogi, 'cause now is the time for your springtime double feature.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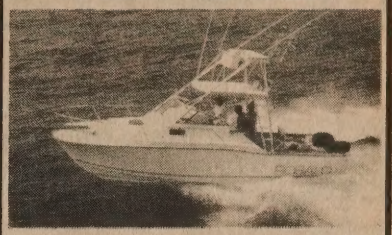

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# SNOWSHOES IN THE SAND

## by Gerald Hahn

**Long Island's North Fork provides casters with a unique opportunity to tangle with some outsize flounder.**

Surfcasters, itching to wet a line after a long, inactive winter, generally head to estuaries, canals, creeks, river mouths and back bay spots for their first crack at spring flounder. Although they occasionally catch a few large spawning flounder in April, most of the flounder at these places range from quarter pound throwbacks to 3/4 pound specimens. Eager to catch anything at this time of the year, including some sunshine, I usually join the light tackle crowd, and I must say it is delightful simply to be outdoors for a change. But by May, I tire of catching postage stamps and so head to the east end of the North Fork for snowshoe flounder.

Snowshoe flounder are ocean-bound fish, not mud grubbers, and they are fond of the rough currents and diverse bottom structure that is typical of eastern Long Island Sound between Mattituck and Orient Point. Here, mussel beds, rocks, mud, sand and gravel, interlaced with marine vegetation, receive a steady stream of minute invertebrates and baitfish from Block Island Sound and the Atlantic. Large flounder follow this floating restaurant into the Sound from late-April to early-June.

Weighing two and occasionally more than three pounds, snowshoes do not behave like their smaller relatives. Indeed, a 16 inch flounder is a much stronger adversary than its summer relative, the fluke. Add to the flounder's strength a fondness for the kind of terrain blackfish usually favor, and you can see why you need a surf rod. Indeed, at this time, you can count on a bonus of tautog when fishing for East End flounder.

A 9 foot surf spinning rod matched with an intermediate sized reel, such s the Daiwa 1400 or BG-60, the Garcia 306, the Penn 650, or any comparable surf reel, is a good outfit for snowshoe flounder. The reel should be spooled with 20 pound test, for a lighter line will be cut by the rough bottom structure. Moreover, although snowshoe flounder do not possess extraordinarily large mouths, they like substantial baits, and consequently, the hook you select should be of a decent size. A #1 or 1/0 Carlisle or beak hook, or even a #6 Virginia snelled on a 12 inch leader of 30 pound test is a good choice. I use the Virginia because its short bite and strong shaft are perfectly matched for both snowshoe flounder and bulldog blackfish.

When fishing for small flounder I generally use a tandem rig, but large flounder are better taken with a high-low rig. This rig begins with a 2½ foot leader of 30 lb. test and a barrel swivel. The leader is tied to the barrel swivel, which, in turn, is tied to the fishing line, with two improved clinch knots. The swivel saves line when a hopeless snag occurs and prevents the line from twisting. An end loop at the bottom of the leader secures a three or four ounce bank sinker, the most commonly used sizes in the East End. Having tied these knots, you will now find that the leader is about two feet long. Two drooper loops for the hooks are then formed on the leader, the bottom one about two inches

above the sinker and the top one slightly more than a snell's length above the first. Snowshoe flounder are aggressive fish and have no trouble at all leaping a foot and a half off the bottom for their breakfast. In fact, most of the snowshoes I've taken in the East End favor the top hook.

Baits for snowshoe flounder are more or less the same as for their younger relatives. The major difference is the amount. Half a sand worm or bloodworm, a gob of mussels, or a generous slice of skimmer clam will attract large flatfish. Of all these baits, I prefer the sand worm first and the clam second, and sometimes a combination of both on one hook. Bloodworms these days are rather thin and fragile for this kind of terrain, and mussels even more so. The sand worm should be threaded on the hook so that a generous amount dangles freely below the point. Likewise, the firm part of a clam should be twisted and impaled several times on the hook with a bit of the soft part trailing below. Another excellent, though unusual and expensive bait, is the hermit crab. Crabs for flounder? In this case, yes; for the hermit, considered an ace bulldog blackfish catcher in the East End, is also one of the best baits for other bottom feeders. I've taken humpback porgies here in the fall, as well as snowshoes, with this bait. Although the hermit is a hard-shelled crab, it has a soft, spongy abdomen, a tubular affair that is thicker and juicier than a sand worm. This is the section to use for flounder. Simply cut off the hermit's hard forepart, including the large claws, and thread the soft "tail" as you would a seaworm. Of course, you will first have to expel the hermit from the shell it has taken up as its residence. Gently break the shell with a stone or a block of wood. Hermits are hard to come by, but are sold at the Port of Egypt Fishing Station in Southold and at the Mattituck Fishing Station near the inlet.

Some surfcasters add attractors to these baits. A corn kernel on the hook above any of the baits mentioned increases the rig's visibility. So does a hook dressed with yellow hair. For the same reason, East End flounder fishermen often color their sinkers fluorescent yellow or red, and dye their clams with artificial food coloring in similar hues.

There are numerous spots to fish along this 20 mile stretch, and generally there will be no parking problems until Memorial Day. At Orient, for example, you can park near the Port of Egypt Fishing Station and fish the beach to the east, off numerous rocks, near the fish traps, as well as near the Point itself. Although locals say that blackfish are supposed to be near the rocks and flounder in the smoother coves, I've taken both species in both types of terrain. West of the fishing station is Petty's Bight, a cove that is favored by skiif renting flounder fishermen. The cove ends on the west side at Mulford Point, Long Island Sound's last major promontory. It is full of ominous boulders, blackfish and flounder. Heading west, Rocky Point in East Marion and Horton Point in Southold, are good flounder producers, as are the coves formed between them. Truman Beach, between Rocky Point and Mulford Point, is a popular cove for surfcasters. Mattituck, which boasts an inlet and has parking on the west side, is best fished from the end of the west jetty. If you take out a map, you will see that all of these places are easily reached from roads north of Rte. 25, the main road to Orient Point.

No less productive, however, is the south side of this narrow strip, especially along Orient Beach State Park's 357 acres and off the breakwater east of Greenport. The bottom of Gardiner's Bay at the State Park is generally softer and smoother than on the north side, but I would still recommend a surf rod.

Fishing for spring snowshoes can be performed at any time of the day, although a morning change of tide is recommended. No doubt, flounder will be hungrier then. In fact, if you play the tides right, you can fish at different places and catch a productive tidal change all along the way. For example, high tide at Mattituck Inlet occurs more than an hour after high tide at Orient Point. Generally, the best fishing occurs from about two hours before to an hour after either tide changes.

A wet suit or waders are recommended if you plan to fish the tail end of the outgoing tide. Gaining 30 feet of casting distance can make the difference between catching and altogether missing these doormats. Long casts, followed by slow retrieves—a few feet at a time—and long pauses, will eventually put you in touch with some snowshoes. Bring along two rods and a sand spike, and you will cover more territory in less time, giving each spot a 20 minute workout before moving on. Once you locate your first snowshoe, you will know where to cast for others. Don't count on catching a bucketful though, for only a few of these doormats venture within casting range. Remember, however, these most of these flounder are larger than keeper fluke, and stronger, too. Keep in mind, as well, that some large blackfish are lurking in the same territory.

Unpredictable spring winds can be detrimental to fishing on the East End. A strong northeaster turns the Sound into a kelp farm and few bottom fish will be caught. Winds out of the west are better, for they stir the water gently and stir up the fish. If strong northerly gusts prevail, try fishing the south side.

Fishing for small spring flounder is certainly enjoyable; a chance to encounter that first fish of the new fishing season. But sooner or later, you will want a crack at some larger specimens, and when that urge overtakes you, head to snowshoe country.


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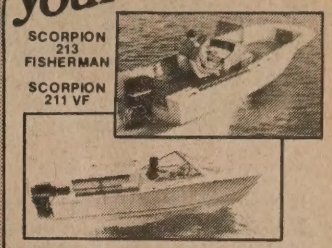


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# SIMPLE, INEXPENSIVE BUT PRODUCTIVE BOTTOM RIGS

## *by Tom Lalli*

Across the years we have used simple, inexpensive, productive, and easy-to-make high-low and single hook rigs utilizing only the perfection loop.

A few comments are in order before we proceed with the instructions for making the rigs: (1) we assume you know how to tie a perfection loop and how to snell a hook; (2) you must vary the usual method for tying the perfection loop by making the second turn larger than the first one when the loop is used for the sinker; (3) we are not concerned (except for explanatory purposes) with length and strength of the rigs, nor with the type and size of hooks as those items are governed by the situation and by personal preference; (4) notice how the second perfection loop shown in diagrams 2 and 3 eliminates the need for a three-way swivel, a connecting link, and/or additional knots. In case you aren't familiar with the perfection loop, instructions accompany this story.

**Single Hook Rig.** Take a 54 inch strand of 20 pound test monofilament and tie a perfection loop about 14 inches from one end. This loop will lead to the rod.

Next, tie another perfection loop (using the 14 inch end) as close as possible to the first loop. This loop will be used for the sinker.

Finally, snell preferred hook at desired length (usually 30 to 36 inches) from the perfection loop and add the sinker to the second loop. Completed rig is shown in Diagram 1.

There it is. All it takes is a strand of monofilament, two perfection loops, a hook, and a sinker and you have a simple, inexpensive, and productive rig for taking fluke, weaks, etc. Make a rig and field test it. You will be amazed at its effectiveness.

**High-Low Rig:**

**A.** Tie a perfection loop about 15 inches from one end of a 54 inch strand of 20 pound test monofilament. This loop leads to the rod.

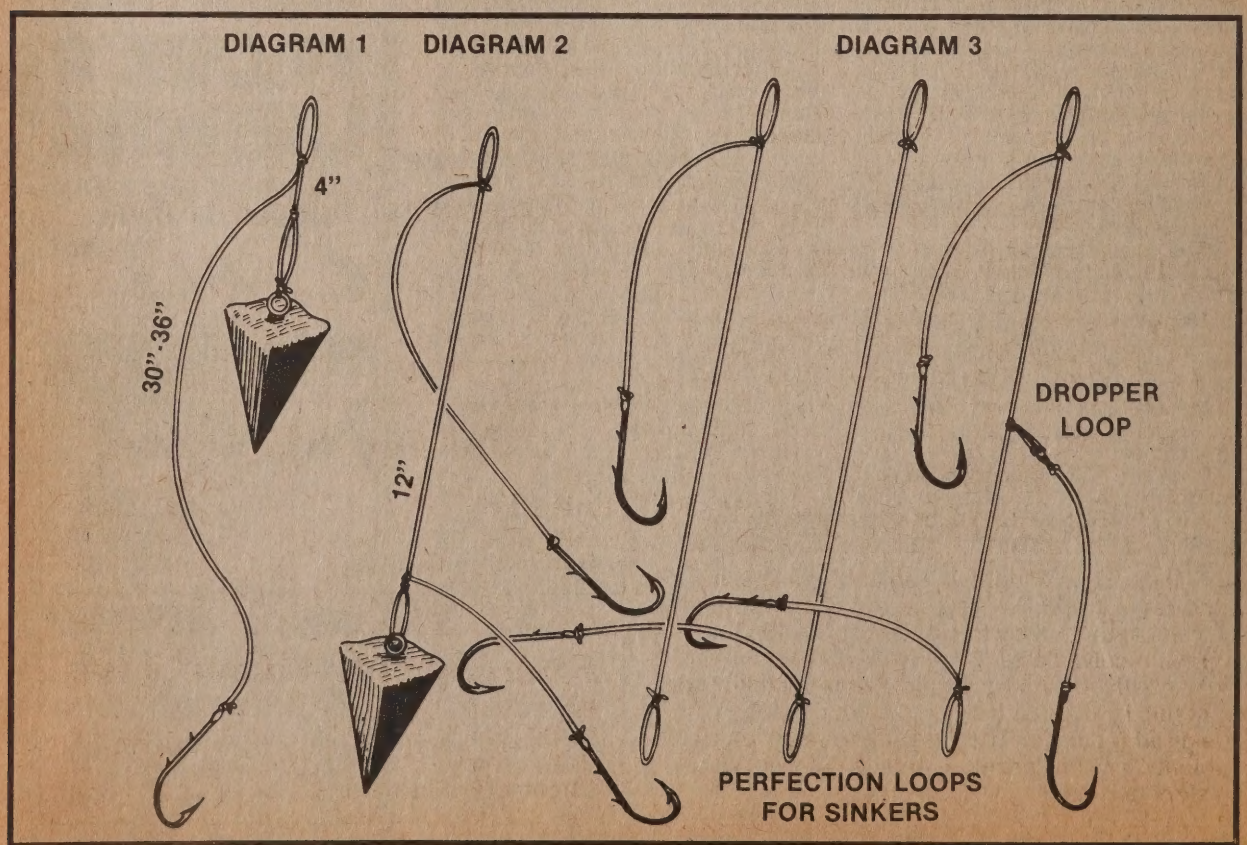
**B.** Next, repeat A, but this time work from the opposite end of the leader and tie the perfection loop about 12 inches below the first loop. This loop is used for the sinker.

**C.** Finally, snell preferred hooks to the running ends at desired length from the perfection loops, add the sinker and the rig is complete. Diagram 2.

Again, all it takes is a strand of monofilament, two perfection loops, two hooks, and a sinker and you have an effective rig for taking flounder, porgies, etc.

With a little practice you will find that it is really simple to utilize the perfection loop alone to make rigs. When you can do it easily, use your imagination and combine the perfection loop with the dropper loop and you will be able to make effective rigs for practically all situations.

Additional proven single and multiple hook rigs, made with the perfection loop alone or in combination with the dropper loop, are displayed in Diagram 3.



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## Eligible Species

### Inshore Bottom Fish

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| Winter Flounder | 2 |
| Blackfish | 5 |
| Codfish | 30 |
| Summer Flounder (Fluke) | 5 |

### Inshore Game Fish

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| Striped Bass | 30 |
| Bluefish | 15 |
| Weakfish | 10 |
| Pollock | 20 |

### Offshore Big Game

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| Bluefin Tuna | 200 |
| Mako Shark | 200 |
| White Marlin | 60 |
| Swordfish | 100 |

### Freshwater Game Fish

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| Brown Trout | 3 |
| Brook Trout | 2 |
| Rainbow Trout | 2 |
| Largemouth Bass | 4 |

# THAT EXTRA TWENTY PER CENT

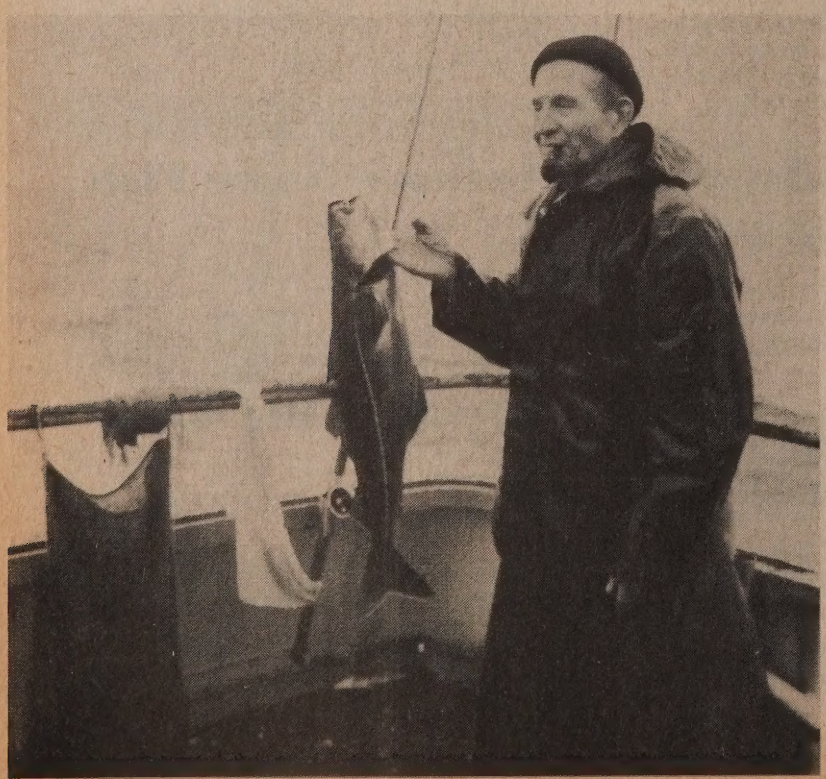
## *by Martin & Janet Garrell*

**According to the author, too few of us take full advantage of the food potential our catches offer.**

In certain households, **the** basic reason for fishing is to get fish, the freshest kind of fish, on the table. Sure, there are some who simply don't like eating fish, no way, nohow. Yes, there are also rare individuals who can get ecstatic, fishing for long days on end without so much as a hit, though it's a good bet that they don't have impatient spouses or hungry mouths waiting to be fed when they return home. Still, in most cases, some part of the measure of angling success is what greets the eye during the ritual opening of the fish box in the kitchen.

Lately, in an era when cod steaks and flounder fillets run anywhere from $2.50 to $4.50 per pound and canned white meat tuna is treated as an epicure's delight, many angler-chefs have begun to look for ways to stretch their catches even more. As it turns out, old hands with a flair for fish preparation and cookery can provide them with some helpful hints. Reading up on the subject, checking out a few ideas on their own stoves, and using a touch of common sense, anglers can add considerably to their fish diets.

Naturally care for the catch begins on board, and it begins as soon as the fish hits the deck. Spring flounder in cool or frigid weather are easy for the early birds because, except for cosmetic belly burn, reddening around the fins, the fish keep pretty well in that old bushel basket with the wet burlap covering. Of course, the fish must be kept away from the sun and ought to be well cooled by evaporation. A real no-no is putting the fish in a bucket of water that gradually warms and loses oxygen. There's no better way to kill, leach, and spoil a catch. If there's room aboard the craft, the very best storage means is an ice chest with blocks or crushed ice for the flatties; the same holds for the soft fleshed gadids, cod and pollock. The only better way to keep a catch fresh when fishing for small fish from a truly small boat is to employ a chain stringer and let 'em swim all day. Through mid-April, this works fine, except, of course, on mackerel, which must be eviscerated and iced as soon as possible.



**Pollock such as this one held by Mike Michaelson are an excellent candidate for either steaming or poaching.**

Fishing from party boats somewhat later in the season, angling gourmets never fail to be amazed at how much of the best protein goes back over the rails. Smooth dogfish, large skates, and ocean pout (conger eels) are all prime prospects for the table, yet all of them tend to be cursed, treated brutally, and hurled overboard.

Try filleting the large doggies immediately and washing the flesh briefly in saltwater to chase traces of uric acid. Honestly, fried dogfish strips usually win votes over flounder and fluke.

Skate wings can be cut off without much effort and frozen as is. When you want to serve them, just thaw and poach quickly in boiling water until the skin and outer slime layer peel off. Then poach for awhile longer until the beautiful white "crab meat" peels off the cartilage. Here the poaching liquid is unusable because of the residual slime.

Ocean pout, ubiquitous on East East spring wreck trips, are one of the finest chowder fish around. Unfortunately, whenever we ask for a net to avoid dropping a three or four pound pout back into the sea, just like asking for a gaff on a big dogfish, the poor mate has to face the skipper's wrath. "Quit bothering with that !##&! stuff and pay attention to the **fish**!" Yet pout are easy to fillet, and whenever you show mates or skippers the two long boneless strips on either side of the backbone, they're duly impressed.

Even more wasted protein goes overboard in the form of heads and carcasses of medium and large fish in the 5-25 lb. class. Four carcasses and heads from bass or cod in the 10-15 lb. range have roughly the same amount of fish flesh as fillets from a pair of five pounders, and steamed or boiled off the bones, that flesh is just as good or better than the fillets.

Before asking a party boat mate for a couple of ocean pout, dogfish, or skates or for a few cod heads and carcasses (with gills and entrails removed), you'd best know both him or her and the skipper pretty well. Otherwise, you'll get one of those "Hey, skip, we've got some kind of nut aboard" responses, and you really don't want to be treated like someone scavenging ahead of the gulls at the sanitary landfill. An explanation of what you're up to and why you're doing it can help.

Incidentally, heads and carcasses from other fish are worth keeping as well. Weakfish and bluefish are okay, and the flesh picked off poached blackfish, sea bass, and large porgies is certainly worth the trouble, too. Just about any fish with a large enough head has some good eating left after taking fillets, but we usually draw the line when a fish is pan sized and the picking effort per ounce of meat becomes too time consuming.

How long you'll be storing that fish and how much freezer space you have dictates how you process and wrap it when you get home. Most Fisherman readers have read again and again of the need to wrap and package carefully for the freezer, yet, every now and then, you'll see a sight that makes you weep—a fine hunk of fish flesh that's freezer burned beyond the point of saving simply because no one took the trouble to preserve it. Chefs who are limited in their storage space and plan to use their fish within a month or two can simply wrap fillets and steaks in plastic wrap and spread them out on a baking sheet in order to freeze them quickly. The frozen slabs can then be placed in larger plastic bags or freezer wrap and packaged tightly. Those who have sufficient space and want to try long term storage of two months or more on cod and flounder can try the old milk carton trick. Ice cold water is poured around the frozen, wrapped fish in a large milk container, and the whole block can be frozen solidly.

Fortunately, processing the heads and carcasses is no trouble. Just find a pot big enough (no, we've never had the chance to try a fish over 50 lbs.!) to handle head and bones, cover the fish with water, bay leaves, carrots, celery, and onions, and poach for a good 40 minutes or more in a covered pot, figuring roughly 10 minutes per inch of fish. You'll want to make sure that all gills, blood, and stomach linings are removed beforehand; otherwise that broth will be strong and send the family packing. As soon as the fish is thoroughly cooked, the covered pot and contents can cool until you're ready to pick at the fish and strain off the fish stock. Just be sure to keep the cat away from the stove at his point.

The pearly flesh that flakes from the bones and heads is superb for chowders, fish cakes, or casseroles. Sampled fresh, it should be sweet, like fresh crab meat or scallops. Un-

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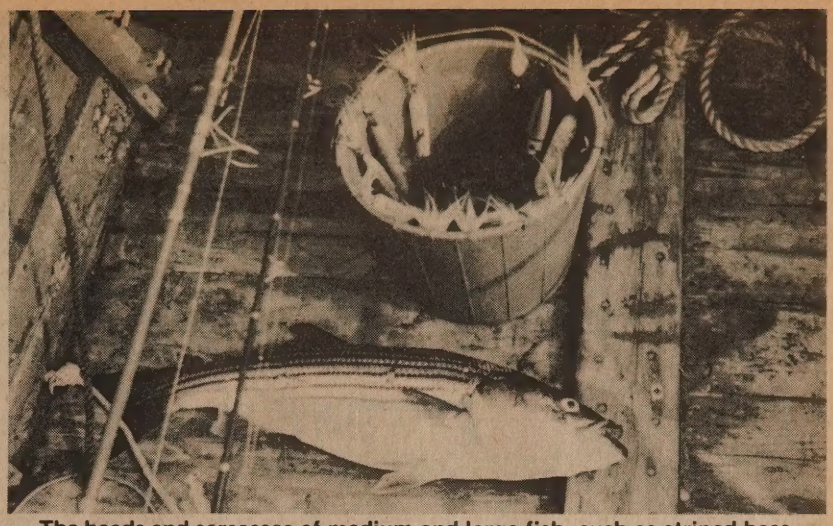
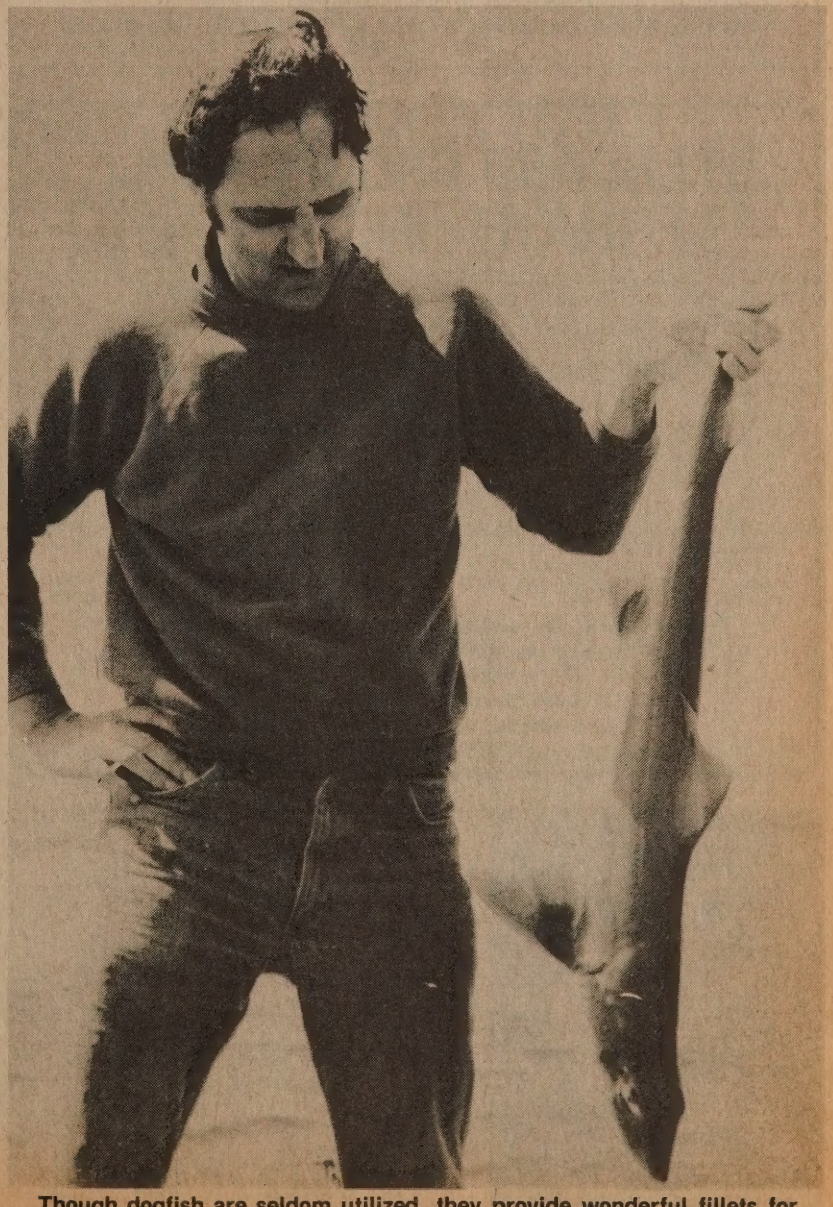


The heads and carcasses of medium and large fish, such as striped bass, provide a surprising amount of fish flesh.



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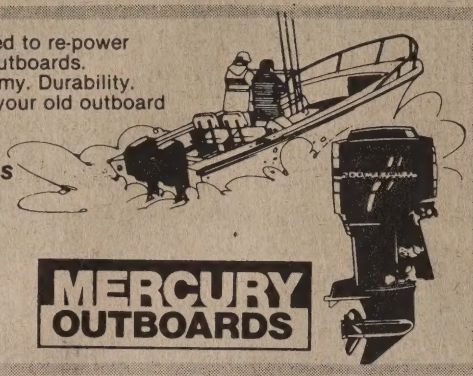


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fortuntely, just like the latter, it doesn't have a very long storage life, probably because of air spaces between the morsels, no matter how tightly packed they are. Keep the frozen, flaked fish around for more than six weeks or so, and you'll probably notice a distinct deterioation in flavor.

The strained poaching liquid that remains after the fish has been removed is the stuff of which haute cuisine is made. Leaf through the fish recipes in The Fisherman, in A.M. McClane and Arie de Zanger's **Encyclopedia of Fish Cookery**, or even in the Living section of the Wednesday **New York Times**, and you'll notice that many of them call for fish stock as the base for everything from the most delicate sauces to hearty chowders. You can use the stock to make poached fillets in white butter sauce or as the central ingredient in a soup that features assorted vegetables, seasonings, poached fish, and wine or milk or cream. Fish stock covers the waterfront, and best of all, it keeps well in the freezer for a half year or more.

At one time, we tried to use residuals left in the pot (after broth and flaked fish were removed) as a pet food supplement. We simply covered everything with water and boiled it in a pressure cooker for a couple of hours. Though it seemed like an excellent idea and the pet loved the stuff, the highly concentrated vitamins had drastic effects on digestive tracts when fed in more than very small doses—something like the fisherman's answer to **Metamucil.** Most of our residuals now go on the compost pile.

For a number of years, we looked for ways to handle oily fish for moderate and long term storage, and, late last summer, some chunks of albacore plus a slab from a 14 lb. bluefish forced us to take a stab at canning. Jan dug out the biggest kettle in the house, set out Mason jars and lids, and we went on a six hour binge in the kitchen, first poaching, then canning our fish. It was worth the effort; home canned fish can top the very best commercial tuna or salmon. Thus far this winter, we've eaten our way through sundry recipes for tuna casseroles, and results have encouraged us to try some more canning next year. Naturally, canning procedures from such standard books as **Ball's Blue Book**, published by the Ball Corp., Muncie, Indiana, have to be followed strictly, with special attention paid to topping off jars with hot brine and to keeping everything absolutely sterile.

Looking ahead to the spring season, we'll be trying for an early score on flounder and cod, especially if the weather gods smile on our endeavors. From those first trips right on through the season, we'll be ready with the big kettles and all our containers, trying to get that extra 20 percent out of our catches. The finest kind of fish is too good to waste.

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# East End REPORT

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The fishing here at the East End is picking up everyday. Cod, pollock and blackfish can be had in the waters off Montauk. Flounder are everywhere and most are good size. Mackerel and weakfish have just started to show.

Montauk boat captains are plying the waters off Block Island and the Cartwright Grounds and the fishing is great. Cod is number one with lots of big pollack and blackfish mixed in Flounder fishing can only be termed excellent. Mackerel made a showing at Jessups and small weaks have started coming through the Shinnecock Canal.

## MONTAUK

Captain John Potts, skipper of the **Blue Fin I** reports good codfishing at the Cartwright Grounds. Thursday saw the Clancy group of Manhasset with 60 cod to 25 lbs. and 6 blackfish in the 4 to 8 lb. range. On Friday, the **Blue Fin I** sailed with the Parker group of Howard Beach. This charter hauled in 85 cod to 25 lbs. The **Blue Fin IV** had the Fehn group of Riverhead on Friday and this group took 48 codfish in the 8 to 10 lb. class, they had a few fish in the 10 to 20 lb. class, the largest tipped the scales at 29 lbs. On Saturday the D'Agostino group of Tarrytown had about 100 cod in the 5

**Ray Ekbold and friend with part of their 68 cod catch made aboard the Montauk charter boat "Vivienne."**

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to 15 lb. class. They also had 12 good size blackfish. Capt. Potts said that along with the cod and blackfish pollock are hitting clam biats and diamond jigs. Most of the action is taking place near the Cartwright Grounds.

Captain Ron Grandinetti, skipper of the **Julie III** based at **montauk** reports that a four man charter headed by Brian Williams of New Jersey caught 56 cod in the 4-12 lb. range. This group had one 6½ lb. blackfish fishing the SW ledge on Saturday.

Captain Mike, skipper of the charter boat **Montauk** reports that Friday saw Manny Diracles of Long Beach and three friends haul 180 cod in the 8 to 12 lb. range. This group caught two big snowshoe flounder fishing south of Block Island Saturday was another 100 plus day. The cod were bigger running to 15 lbs. Diamond jigging is paying off, wtih 50 percent of the cod caught.

Captain Gene Kelly, skipper of the charter boat **Kellyboat** reports his first outing of the season was a success. Anglers Ken Pforr and Don Perry of Huntington had 60 codfish to 20 lbs., fishing the SW Ledge. Sunday the **Kellyboat** did not sail due to the weather.

Captain Chuck Mallinson, skipper of the charter boat **Joy-Sea** based at **Montauk** reports excellent codfishing at the CIA grounds. The **Joy-Sea** sailing for the first time Friday, with Al Zillox and sons Tom and Bill of Harrison, N.Y. caught 45 cod and pollock to 47½ lbs. On Saturday Bob Tabano and friends fished the SW Ledge and hauled in 103 cod, with pollock and snowshoe flounder mixed in.

Captain Jay Rigano, skipper of the charter boat **Lori-Jay**, based at **Montauk** reports on Friday the Piancenti group of General Foods caught 55 cod to 22 lbs. at the Midway buoy. On Saturday the Lancelli group caught 38 codfish to 31 lbs. Mixed in with the cod were some pollock and snowshoe flounder.

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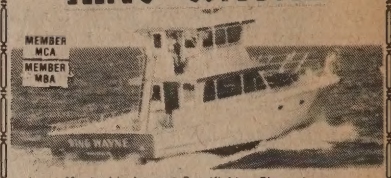


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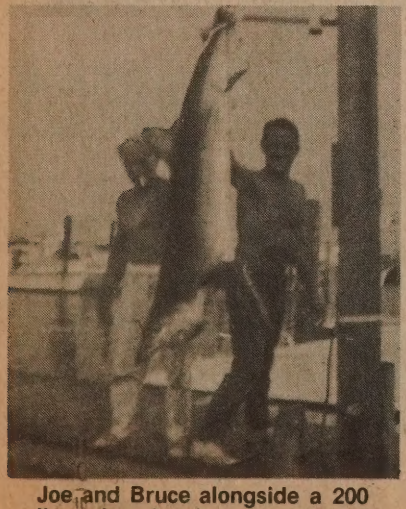
Captain Bud Dorman of the 6-man limit open boat **Waxed** reports consistent Block Island codfishing for his fares. Catches of 12 to 18 cod in the 3-20 lb. class are not uncommon. High hookers do better. Three to four pound snowshoe flounder have appeared on the SW Ledge (B.I.). All fish are caught on clam bait, although diamond jigs are used at different stages of the tide to hook cod.

Captain Richie Rade, skipper of the **Marlin Fleet** reports great codfishing in the waters around Block Island. Anglers have been catching 10 to 20 fish a man all week. These cod are in the 8 to 10 lb. range and the pool winner is 25 to 30 pounds.

Captain Bill Ricca, skipper of the **Alyssa Ann** reports Saturday was excellent at the SW Ledge. Lewis and Bob Maricic of N.J. had 57 cod to 16 lbs. at this area, all on bait. Some pollock were mixed in. Drifting proved better than anchoring. Captain Ricca said the fishing is the best he has seen in seven years.

Captain Bruce Keiffer, skipper of the charter boat **Ebb Tide** based at **Montauk** reports good codfishing in the waters off of Block Island.

Captain John DeMaio, skipper of the charter boat **Vivienne** reports the Cartwright grounds still holds some good codfishing. The best day of the week was Thursday said Capt. DeMaio, with three anglers hauling



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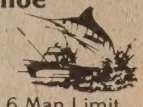

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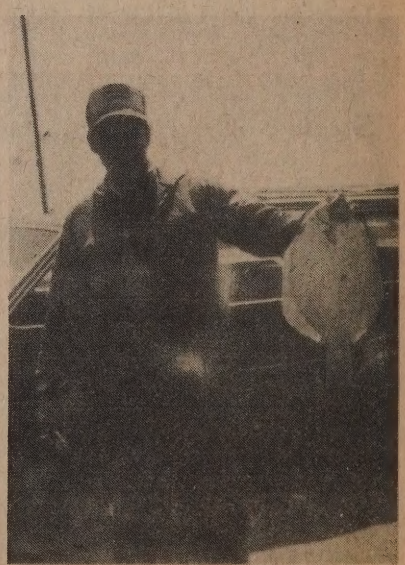
115 cod over the rails. Some pollock and blackfish were mixed in. Jigs and tubes turned the trick. Friday and Saturday were good, weather-wise, but the fishing was somewhat slower. Pollock in the 25 to 30 lb. range were taken along with some smaller cod.

Captain Wayne King, skipper of the charter boat **King Wayne** based on **Montauk** reports good codfishing at the CIA grounds, Cartwright and the SW Ledge. On Friday, the **King Wayne** had 65 cod to 35 lbs. with some pollock mixed in. The afternoon charter fished the Cartwright grounds and along with the cod taken, 35 blackfish to 8 lbs. were hauled over the rail. Saturday, SW Ledge was excellent for cod, 80 of these fish up to 20 lbs. were taken.

# SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach, skipper of the open boat **Wilhelric** based at Sag Harbor reports a slaughter on flounder. Saturday saw 1000 flounder to 2½ lbs. taken in the waters off Orient and Petty's Bight. Friday fishing was great also. Thursday, the Wilhelric fished off Gardiner's Island and caught all big flounder. Captain Lach said fishermen with the right touch are filling up buckets of fat flounder. Mussel bait is best.

Chris Salb of the **Bayview Marine Fishing Station** in **Sag Harbor** reports excellent flounder fishing at Gibsons off of Mashomack Pt. Anglers fishing the top of the tide are doing best. The waters around Ram Island hold some good flounder action also. Friday three anglers from Seaford caught 50 flounder in only 3½ hrs. fishing time. Saturday saw Gerry, Chris and Ed Delano along with George Viox catch



**Jenny Tirico of Manorville caught this huge 3 lb. 3 oz. flounder on Sunday, April 17, east of buoy 27 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.**

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**John Collins, John Jr., Pat Martino and Pat Jr. with 45 nice flatties taken on a windy day (4-17) in the mouth of Seatuck Creek. Fishing was done out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in East Moriches.**

75 fat flounder off Ram Island. Chris said mackerel have made an appearance at Jessups but no large body of fish have moved in yet.

In **Noyac**, the **Noyac Marina** reports good flounder action has started. Saturday Bill Fales, Walter Correlina and Jim Gazda all from Forest Hills caught 43 flounder to 2¾ lbs. These anglers fished the east side of Jessups, using worms and mussel baits. Heavy mussel chum is a must.

Thom Speck of **Specks Bait & Tackle** in **Southampton** reports weakfish should be making an appearance in the Shinnecock Canal this week. Thom saw one small weak on Sunday that was foul hooked in the canal. Flounder are thicker to the east at Three Mile Harbor. Shinnecock bay has been a little slow said Thom. Dan Davis and Ed Zorschorsky fished Promised Land on an outgoing tide Saturday. These anglers had 18 flounder, all over 2 lbs. Their largest flattie tipped the scale at a whopping 3 lbs. 9 oz. A group from Squadron Anglers, fished the estate area around Promised Land and were rewarded with 32 flounder. Eric Jung and friend from Oceanside caught 42 flounder in the 2 to 2½ lb. range off Rose's Grove.

In **hampton Bays Corr's Marina** reports good flounder action at Buoy 17 and the Basket is picking up every day. Weather is still a big factor. Saturday saw a few of the Marina's boats come back with 40 flounder per boat. Worm and mussel baits along with mussel chum get the best results.

## South Shore REPORT
*with Fred Colofaro*

The eighth consecutive wet weekend in a row was made somewhat more palatable by Saturday's almost balmy weather conditions. Unfortunately, fishing around most part of the Island during the latter part of last week, Saturday included, was still struggling to recover from the shock of Monday and Tuesday's snow, rain and cold winds.

Despite all of this, hordes of anglers are itching to tangle with the first weaks of '83. This weeks search for the first confirmed hook and line fish drew blanks but I would almost bet on a few fish being reported by this time next week. Any serious shot at the tiderunners though, is still probably another weekend away. On a more positive note, mackerel are finally within range of F.I. inlet boatmen or they were prior to Sunday and Monday's storm. A good showing

**Scott and Al Simpson, Bruce and Tony Baron, Tom and Greg Waldsmith and Al Kovaleski teamed to take 218 flatties up to 2 lbs. on a recent trip to Moriches Bay. The group fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station.**

of fish was reported SW of the Inlet in 60-80' of water on Saturday.

## MORICHES BAY & INLET

Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said that flounder fishing bounced back the latter part of last week with most boats returning with from 40-100 fish apiece. Many of the fish are 1 pound plus to 2 poiunds. Heavy chumming with mussels or clams is important. LIF Subscriber George Barber put away 102 flatties N of buoys 41 and 42 on Friday. Same day, Ben Bellapasta and Marty Gagliardi clicked with 108 fish at Haven's Point. Saturday's best scores were made by two boats who avoided the fleet and worked the same area that George Barber had found so productive the day before. Mike and Mitch Wergiles, Chris Vell and Andre Jolika put away 104 flatties. Flood tide has produced best on the flats but the ebb has surrendered some good scores to those working the deeper channel edges.

Haven's Point on incoming water was the right combination Friday and Saturday according to Jim DeVita at **Skidmore's Fishing Station**. The flood is not only producing more fish but also the real quality fish. Largest flatties of the weekend checked by Jim was the 2¼ pounder taken by Walter Czekaj on Saturday. Also on Saturday, Matt and John Viol clicked with 77 fish while George Falnacio and Phil Logue followed close behind with 75 flounder.

Andy Hegeman of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in **Eastport** also put in a word for the flood tide at Haven's Point and also North of buoy 43. It

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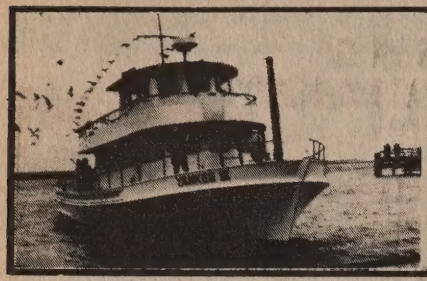

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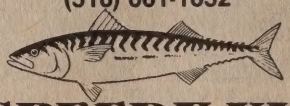

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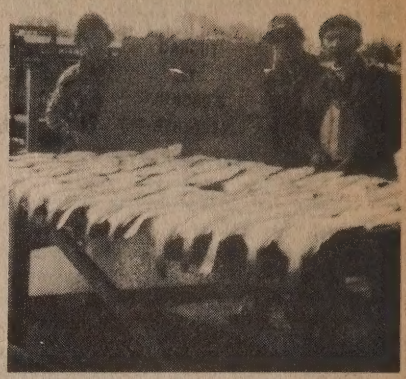

**Glen, Ted and Kevin Diers with 109 flounder taken at buoy 42 in Moriches Bay on bloodworms and mussel chum. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.**

was the latter spot that produced 78 flatties for the Sporrer party (3 anglers) on Saturday.

From his **L & M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Larry Green emphasized the importance of heavy chumming with mussels on clams for the bigger scores. Also, the last 4 hours of the flood undoubtedly produced the best action on Friday and Saturday. Those boatmen who stuck it out through late afternoon, both days, enjoyed a leap job. Among them were Steve Alter and his 6-year-old son Josh and Jack Silverman. The trio worked Haven's Point with bloodworms and mussel chum and racked up over 100 fish to 2 pounds. The haul srrendered a total of 33 pounds of filet!

The open boat **Leo D**, skippered by Capt. Chip reported good fishing the latter part of the week with catches of 10-20 fish a man the rule. Mussel chum is a must and the flood tide played a big part in this week's fishing. Pool fish each day is over 2 pounds.

## GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

"Steady flounder fishing as long as the weather cooperates" according to John "Rod" DiGiacomo of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. The south side of the bay has been producing best with customers reporting decent catches from Point O' Woods, Atlantique, W. Channel and the Sore Thumb. Heavy chumming makes a big difference. Mackerel were found south of Jones' Inlet and Gilgo in 60-80' of water on Saturday. Trout fishing in Connetquot State Park has been consistently good.

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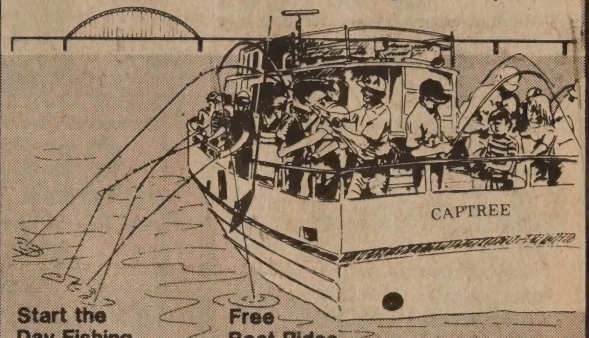


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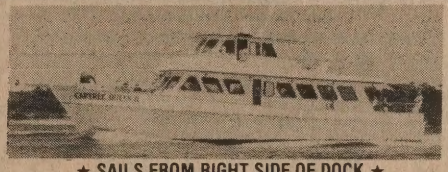

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working the junction of Dickerson and West Channels found good flattie action on both Friday and Saturday. He knew too of one private boat that managed 140 mackerel in 80' of water west of the inlet on Saturday. The first few blackfish of the season were taken by flounderfishermen working near Kismet. Carl also spoke of a few nice trout taken from the tidal reaches of the Connetquot over the weekend.

The open and charter boat fleet at **Captree** is gearing up for their annual Blessing of the Fleet slated for this Saturday, April 30th. Festivities, which will include drawings for tackle and fishing trips, free boat rides and musical entertainment, get underway at 2PM with the Blessing to take place at 3PM. Parking will be free and all boats will be sailing their normal schedules for flounder and mackerel, returning to port in time to share in the festivities.

As for the fishing, Capt. Carl Passero of the **Jib VI** found some good fishing at the North End of West Channel on Saturday. While most fares managed 8-12 flatties, Jim Hawkins accounted for 18 up to 2 pounds to finish as high hook. The skipper worked Atlantique and the Sore Thumb during the week and it was the latter spot that produced a 20 fish catch for Steve Dolan.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** said that while fishing recovered somewhat from the cold weather and storm of early in the week, Friday and Saturday's results were no match for the action boats had been enjoying prior to the storm. He was sure that a few nice days would get the fishing back up to par, however. Best results this week had at Point O' Woods, Clam Pond and West Channel.

"Decent" was how Capt. Rod Westerlind of the **Capt. Rod** described this week's flounder action. He too noted that last weeks cold put a crimp in the fishing and added that the weather has been the best barometer for the fishing. As long as it cooperates, there are plenty of fish around. Best results on Friday and Saturday were found on the flood tide at West Channel and Clam Pond.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** reminded he is switching to mackerel and will be on a 7AM daily schedule. The **Speedy VII** will be dividing it's time between flounder and macks. Se ad for details.

Capt. Larry Ciccotto's charter boat, **Prime Time** sent home the Fred Profeta party with a fair catch of flatties on Saturday. Best action took place on the afternoon flood at Clam Pond.

Bab Sprenger of **Captree Bait Station** put in a worm for the Captree Overlook Pier which continues to produce flatties on a steady basis. Bloodworms, sandworms and mussels have all been popular baits with pier regulars.

Capt. Jack Stoddard of the **Babylon** open boat **Luci III** reported fair results with flounder Thursday through Sat-

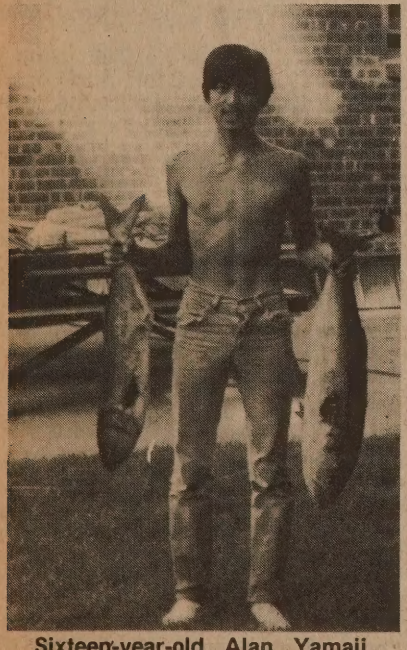
urday working mostly in the State Channel. Dick Sullivan was hi-hook on Thursday's trip with 18 fish. Saturday's pool fish was a 2½ pounder.

A party headed by Steve Hargrove put 22 nice flatties aboard the **Babylon** charter boat **Tilichi** on Saturday. Fishing was done in the State Channel between Amityville and Lindenhurst.

Peter Weber and ARt Thompson put 150 mackerel aboard the Misty on Friday according to Fred Austin of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**. Fishing was done SW of F.I. Inlet in 75' of water. In the flattie department, PeteNowinski and John Bauman checked in with 61 fish to 2 pounds taken in Dickerson Channel on Saturday. Fred said that several guys went through the motions looking for the first weak but came up empty.

Mike Andreanni of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** looked over 31 flounder in the 1 pound class taken near Kismet on Saturday by Phil Mantisnett. Same day, Tom and Mike Jacobellis needed only a hour to bail 24 flatties at Bergen Point. Mike knew that mackerel were taken south of Gilgo in 80' of water on Saturday. For freshwater fans, some nice trout and big yellow perch being taken in Southard's Pond (Babylon) on night crawlers.

To the west, Snake Creek and West Island (Amityville) along with the State Channel produced fair flounder fishing this past week according to a report filed by **Comb's Bait and Tackle** in **Amityville**. A few guys made half-hearted attempts at weakfish with no results.



**Sixteen-year-old Alan Yamaji shows two of the three big blues he daught last summer during a trip aboard the Freeport open boat, "Starstream II." His first bluefish ever, the largest fish was a 12½ pounder.**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# West End REPORT
*with Stu Miller*

On the days that the weather has been decent, flounder catches in this area have ranged from good to very good once again. The bottom is loaded with good sized flounder just about everywhere and if the weather would only settle down and dry up scores would be dynamite. Perhaps we'll see it starting this week. Mackerel have also begun to show their noses with many of the offshore party boats switching to the macks now.

## WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Starting with Capt. Brian's **Chinco III** out of Seaford, the skipper admits Thursday's fishing was poor due to the high winds, but On Friday with no wind or rain many fares had catches in the 30s on flounder with the pool fish going 2 lbs. Saturday's catches were very good, with all fares catching in the teens. Worms outfished mussels and the beginning and the end of the ebb were best. Hottest was Merrick bay with fish averaging 3/4 to 1¾ lbs. Plenty of fish around, said the skipper.

Friday's flounder catches seemed to be very good, was the world from **Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle** with Harvey Cooper of Seaford bagging 12 flatties to 1½ lbs. at Four Corners at the top of the ebb on worms and plenty of mussel chum. Lou Colon and Pete Petersen of Massapequa also had an even dozen flounder up to 2 lbs. Saturday taken in Zachs Bay on the beginning of the ebb on worm and mussel chum Lon said he had lots of reports just like this. Things slowed Saturday and came to crashing halt on Sunday, of course, Best areas have been Four Corners, Massapequa Cove, the drawbridge area and Zachs Bay.

**Pop's Fishing Station** advised that its rentals had picky goings Saturday but nonetheless three anglers in one skiff found fish and returned with three 5-gallon pails full. The trio consisted of Jim Noller, George Price and Don Schnaro. The fish are there! Squaw Island was the area fished. Skiff catches are averaging 25 to 30 fish when the weather was good during the week. Worm and mussel bait and lots of chum was the ticket. Harry Landis and pal accounted for 106 flounder from Haunts Creek on the ebb.

**Miss Sue and a double-header of flatties taken aboard the Freeport charter boat "Apus II." She finished up the day with 21 flatties.**

A call from **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** in Seaford informed us that both Friday and Saturday his rental skiffs were returning with 40-55 flounder each. Larry Lanes had a 2¼ lb. flounder plus 55 others. This was from Massapequa Cove and Four Corners on wrms, mussel and mussel chum.

The word from Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** in Merrick is that Friday and Saturday's efforts by anglers were rewarded by good size flounder in Broad Creek and off the Merrick Golf Course. Mussels worked best, as did outgoing water and lot of 1-1½ lb. fish were caught.

Over in Freeport, we hear from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** that both boats had good floundering on the days they got out. On the **CL III** young Kim of Queens on Monday had 32 flounder. On Thursday's trip, Pop Stowell of Roosevelt pulled up 36 flatties while Bill Hroch, Flushing and Lou Langer, Valley Stream totalled 63 fish. Big fish of the week was a 2½ lber. All catches have been in local waters with mussels outfishing any other bait. The **CL IV** fishing half day trips had catches to the high teens and low 20s on most trips, fish going to 2½ lbs.

Aboard the charter boat **Mickey II** Capt. Tony Presto fished Danny Zahner and company Saturday and took approximately 300 mackerel just three miles off the beach from the Jones Beach tower to the inlet. Fish were found in patches and ran from 3/4 to 1 lb. in size. So the mackerel are here! And close!

Charter Boat **Lady J III** also had mackerel Saturday in 50 to 60 feet of water southeast of Jones Inlet. These were mostly 1 lb. fish for First Jersey Security. On Sunday, the boat fished the Hi and Dry Fishing Club for flounder in the rain and fish were picked mostly in Swift Creek, but also off the Coast Guard Station and a few other local spots. Your reporter has noted that when flounder fishing on a rainy day the fish get wet when you hoist them out of the water.

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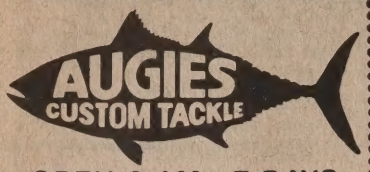


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Pool winner was Rich Rinck, Hicksville, with a 10 lb. cod. Aboard the **BF III** working a local wreck, a mixed catch of 150 pollock, blacks and herrin were taken all on bait. Blacks went to 9 lbs., 18 cod went to 11 lbs. The pool was nabbed by Norm Zeller and high hook was Angelo Croce.

There was good codfishing every day we got out during the week said Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** to the tune of 150-200 fish per trip. Lots of fishing pressure on Saturday dropped the catch to 65 cod. In any case, the boat is now switching to macks sailing 6:30AM daily and by all reports, there are big schools moving up the Jersey coast. Since it is an historically short season for mackerel, you should make your plans pronto.

Also swinging over to mackerel on a 6:30 AM schedule is the **Capt. Al**, who through Saturday had excellent shots at flounder at Squaw Island. The flounder were very good in size and there are still loads of them. However, the public wants mackerel and the skipper aims to give them what they want.

Good weather equals good flounder catches, said Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** and the skipper is staying with the flatties. He's had fish this week up to 2¼ lbs. This Friday the boat will be starting an additional afternoon flounder schedule which will sail Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM. See ad for details.

**Freeport Boatmens Association** calls to your attention that the **Super Spray II** has swung over to a two trip a day mackerel sailing schedule and that they are still booking the May offshore cod and pollock wreck trip. See ad for details. The **Capt. II** fished Ex-Alloy Corp. Saturday, bagging 41 cod, 6-10 lbs. plus a nice load of 1 lb. macks and some scattered blacks at Cholera. The **Atlantic** enjoyed decent floundering Saturday in Garrets Lead on worms, mussel, clam.

Ronnie Fuering at **Sea Isle Sports** had definite word of mackerel at Cholera and also at buoy 4, East Rockaway Inlet. Flounder fishing locally is still good when the weather allowed it and Merrick Bay seems to have been the best area.

Down in Point Lookout the two trip a day **Capt. Bill** advised that during the week flounder catches were very good on the days they sailed working Reynolds Channel and Garretts Lead with mussels the top bait. High hooks have been running 20-25 fish all during the week. Saturday started getting picky due to shots of cold water coming in the inlet and Sunday was, of course, a moose.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** we learned that last Sunday Bob Zatorski was high hook with 41 flounder on the morning trip and also pool winner. Thursday's morning trip saw "Bull" with 15 flatties and Jimmy Hill taking the pool. Thursday's afternoon pool fish was caught by Jimmy Flanagan. On Friday's morning trip Mike Miccah took the pool with a 2 lb.

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flounder and on the afternoon trip Earl French scored with 15 fish including a 2½ lb. pool winner. In Saturday's nice weather, the numbers were off. In the afternoon John Whelen took the pool. On Sunday the boat fished Old Sod Fishing Club whose members braved the elements. Mick Kalesnick took the pool and also was high hook with 11 flounder. Capt. Ron says there are still loads of flounder around. Red clam and worm worked best all this past week, outcatching mussel.

We hear from Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** the oft repeated lament that when the weather has been decent, the flounder fishing has been decent. Some very good catches were made Saturday all along Reynolds channel from buoy 16-20. Cinder Creek and the flats. Mussels have been working best and chumming has been the key. Tom Wright and Rich Jackson fished buoy 17 all day taking 50 flounder to 2 lbs. Lester Pine had a 2½ lber. and four other flatties over 2 lbs. Bill Gajewski decked 35 flounder between buoy 17 and 18, while Bruno on Friday and Saturday had roughly 50 fish there each day fishing the flats. There have been very few throwbacks and there are still lots of big fish being caught every day.

We hear from **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook of some very good flounder activity in Swift Creek with fish of good size, incoming best. Heavy chumming is important and clam and mussel bait are working well. Some blackfish at the Meadowbrook and Atlantic Beach bridges just in the starting stages. Saturday at buoy 4 at the rocky patches of East Rockaway Inlet blackfish to 8 lbs. were taken by a local sharpie. Macks should be in strong evidence locally by the weekend.

We heard from **Long Beach Sports Marina** that on sunny Saturday ten

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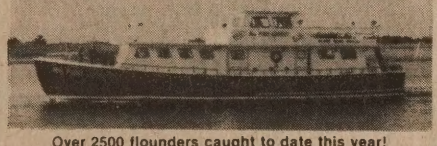


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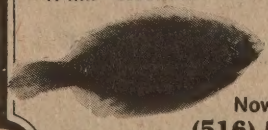


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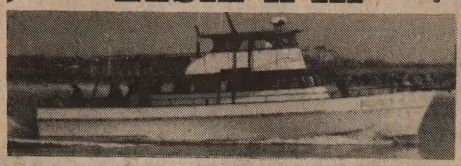

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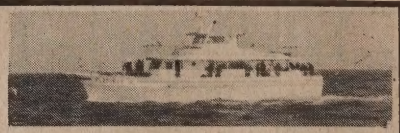

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dories and a Proline had good results. Bob and Tom Ranchin worked buoy 3 across from the firehouse taking 62 flounder to 2 lbs. on bloods and mussel chum on the flood. Ralph Travaglina and John Watson fished from buoy 9 to the railroad trestle and in three hours took 43 flounder. The station has a few of the big Prolines available for rental for offshore mackereling.

## NEW YORK BIGHT

Over in Atlantic Beach Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** says there is still good flounder fishing everyday at Hog Island and Duck Point. Clam and worm are the hook bait and lots of clam chum is essential. Al also tells of the mackerel that were caught late in the week at buoy 4 just outside Debs Inlet.

**Skippy's Bait and Tackle** in East Rockaway advised that loads of flounder were caught through Saturday in Reynolds Channel at the cement block and at buoy 5 in particular. Macks at buoy 4 out of East Rockaway Inlet was the word from this shop also.

Both North and South Channel bridges are producing flounder on both tides reports **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** in Jamaica Bay. Mussels continue to catch best and a chum pot is a big help.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, the open boat **Zephyr** fished Keyport and Annandale Friday with very good results. Some people had catches in the 60s, 40s and two fares caught in the 90s. Roughly one third of the catch was in the three pound range. Monday and Thursday were good, too, said Capt. Butch and that the fishing seems to be excellent when the weather allows it.

Aboard the **Flamingo III**, one drop for the day was all that was needed Friday plus heavy chumming working Annandale off Staten Island for flounder. They also fished the wreck buoy area where things are starting for the flatfish. There is a distinct possibility that the boat may be swinging to mackerel by the time you read this report since the fish are known to move up rather quickly. It is advised that you shoot a call to the skipper to determine whether it's flounder or mackerel that he'll be going for. Either way, it's his intention to give you the best fishing possible.

Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** was quite happy with the quantities and sizes of flounder being caught locally just about everywhere in Jamaica Bay. He noted that as of Saturday, the macks were still a 3½ hour ride each way for the Sheepshead Bay fleet. However, fish do have fins and can swim quickly.

# North Shore REPORT
## with Marty Garrell

An excellent couple of days of fishing on Friday and Saturday gave local flounder anglers a break everywhere. A few early blackfish were reported as well as mackerel. Sunday, of course, was a washout thanks to another northeast gale.

## WESTERN SOUND

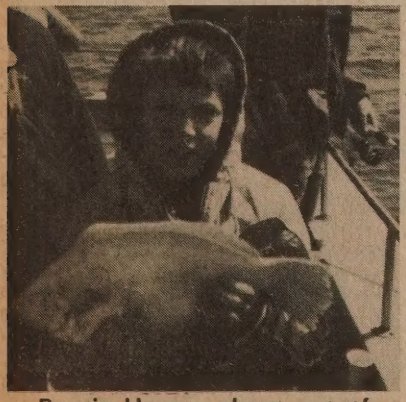
Shore anglers from New Rochelle had 15-20 flounder per person on Saturday around the Glen Island Casino, according to **John's Gun and Tackle**. A few boats ventured to Orchard Beach, Execution Light and Hart's; the best fish of the week weighed by John Palmieri was Carol DiLuca's 2½ pound flattie.

John Cacciola joined Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** in reporting good fishing all week. John said to try the usual places: Morgan's, Pryble Pier, and the breakwater for inshore flounder.

Pete Pearson of the **Klondike VIII** described "pretty decent" fishing on Friday through Sunday in the Huntington area, with roughly 50% keepers to 1 pound and typical pool fish of 1½ pounds. Those who were particular could still walk off the boat with 40-50 flounder.

Joe Ferrara of the **Ebb Tide III** was working 28' of water between Bayville and Huntington. Half sandworms and a sow lift are the keys to more and larger fish. The largest fish of the whole week was "an honest" 2 pounds.

From **City Island**, only the **Apache** and the **North Star** sailed on rough



**Ronnie Harman shows one of the many flounder he caught on a recent trip aboard the City Island open boat, "Ebb Tide III."**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Sunday. Rather than fishing Huntington, Dom Cerbone was forced to fish west of Matinecock and got a slow pick for his trouble in the gale. Saturday saw the second blackfish of the season taken.

Joe Fink's **Lady Lil III** out of **Glen Cove** worked a Friday charter for the Glen Cove Public School and went off the tip of Lloyds for a pod of larger flounder to close the day Saturday. Best fish of the weekend was Saturday's pool winning 1¾ pound flounder.

The **Ebb Tide**, the **Klondike**, and the **Lady Lil** will all switch to mackerel when the fish arrive in force, while the **Apache** will be looking for tautog within a few weeks. Some herring have been noted under the gulls in the past weeks, but there are no solid mackerel schools in the west end yet.

# NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Packy Collins called to say that the first trip of the season on the **Ever Ready** on Saturday was a good one with plenty of Sound flounder from ½ to 1 pound. Top hook Arty Rudnick figured on 22 keepers from 60-70 fish, and Ed Naldrett topped the pool with a 2 pound blackfish. Packy figures that he's getting 50% more speed out of his new engine this year. The Ever Ready will be sailing Fridays through Mondays for the next few weeks, and will shift to mackerel when they arrive in numbers.

Ronnie Ferrara at **Ronnie's** told us about some large flounder off Makamah in shallow water and heard of one nice catch of macs off Stony Brook. The town dock in Huntington still had plenty of small flounder, according to the Cedars at **Huntington Prop**. George Valentine at **Four Winds** told of catches of flatties off Sunken Meadow that ran to 25 per boat. John Maiorana weighed in the best fish of the week at 1½ pounds,

andthe Huntington Anglers were exhausted on Sunday after a productive trip to far off Quincy Bay.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** was urging anglers to try Crab Meadow and Lilco and Waterside Park in shallow water to 12' for larger flounder, even though the Bay has numbers of small fish.

Sal Gattuso at**Sutler's** in **Port Jefferson** reported some very large flounder over 1½ pounds with some in the class above 2 pounds from the Shoreham Pipe. John Zagami and Gus Crist scored Saturday with 48 of the big ones. Jeffrey Hill had 27 fish around ¾ pound from Port Jeff.

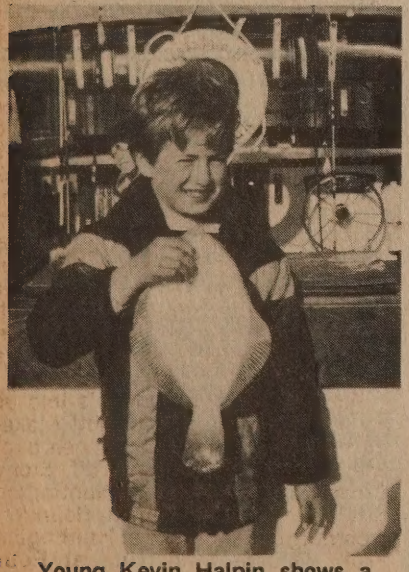
Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's Fishing Station** in **Mount Sinai** mentioned a few mackerel in catches around Buoy 11 and figures another week before the heavy mackerel action breaks out. He's seen a number of flounder to 2½ pounds from the Power Plant in the past week.

## NORTH FORK

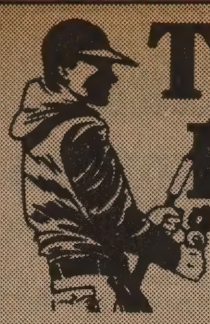
Ed Kopack at **Warren's** watched weekend anglers brag about catches from various places. One group of 2 pound fish from Sag Habor totaled 67 and there were some good catches made west of Mattituck Inlet as well in 18-20' of water.

Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** described an outstanding catch of 162 flounder from the South Race and Rose's by Bob Santiago and Stan Weiss along with some reasonable takes of 20 and 30 fish from the same areas Saturday on mussels and worms.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** finally got 18 boats ont he Sound over Friday and Saturday with nice results.



**Young Kevin Halpin shows a hefty flounder taken off of Mattituck in Long Island Sound aboard the charter boat, "nostalgia II."**

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Dom DeRanieri has now moved further west, shifting his attention to the Sound with a catch of 103 fish, up to 1½ pounds. Cedar Beach, Mashomack, Conklin's, South Ferry, Dering and Long Beach were still producing on the Bay.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** figures that this flounder fishing is the best in years, with an average fish 1 pound or better and a few 2½ pound trophies for the scales. Everybody is catching in 20-50' of water. Rod DeLisle took his first charter on the **Prowler** on Saturday, and said that Gary Ruppert's group accounted for 248 flatties in a single drop with the largest just over 2 pounds.

John Rainis of the **Blue Albatross** figures that 1½ buckets of flatties are the norm with high hooks like Jim Castagna of Southold who produced 45 fish using pearl attractors on his hooks. John is doing most of his fishing in about 30' of water.

John Duggan even found fish for **Peconic Star** customers on Sunday by fishing the Sound in the morning and moving back into the Bay later. Duggan likes to stay around the Bight on the ebb during normal days, and move toward the Point on the flood.

Larry Ciccato on the **Prime Time II** watched 25 fares work up to 30 fish apeice on Saturday, and said that Arlene and Dick Dovner were high hooks and filled a washtub using particularly long leadined rigs. Although Petty's had numbers, larger fish were still scattered around by the nets.

Jerry McGrath began working the Motel in 22' off Mattituck with the **Nostalgia II** and accounted for 45 fish for Bill and Mitchell Kelly. The largest flounder were 2 pounds, and the fishing seemed to be goo on both side of the the tide with little interference from sea robins on Saturday.

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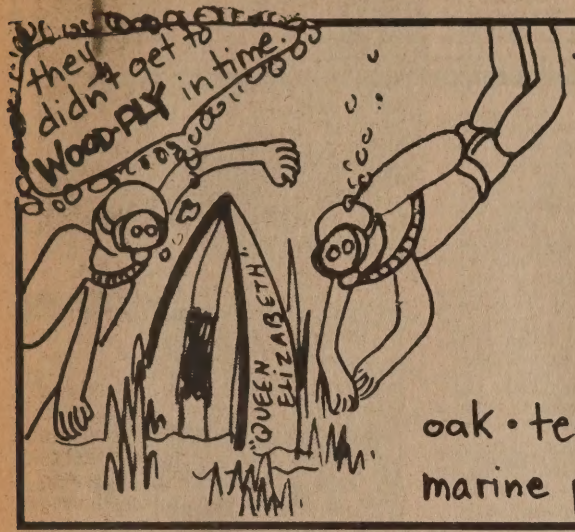


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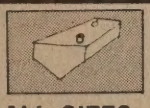

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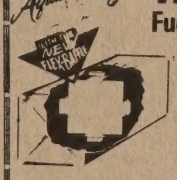

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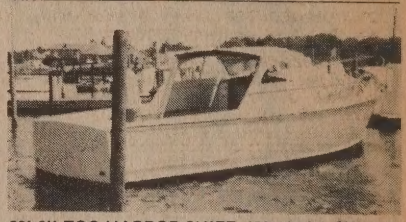

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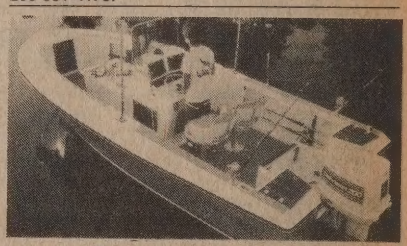

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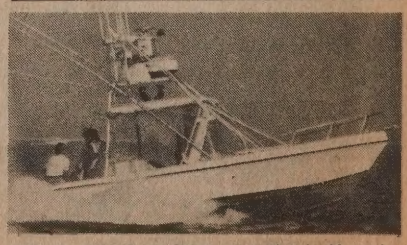

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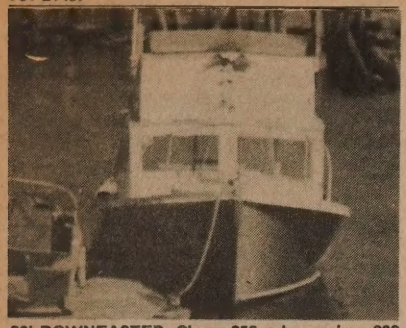

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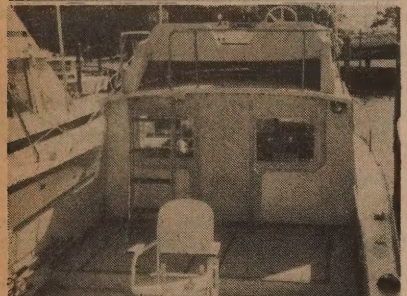

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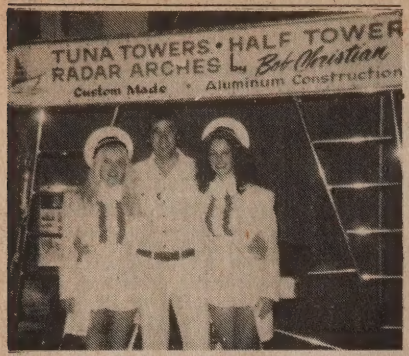


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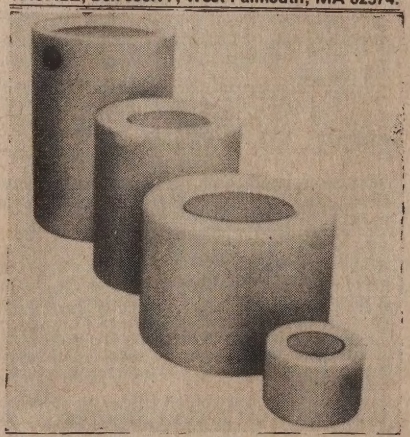

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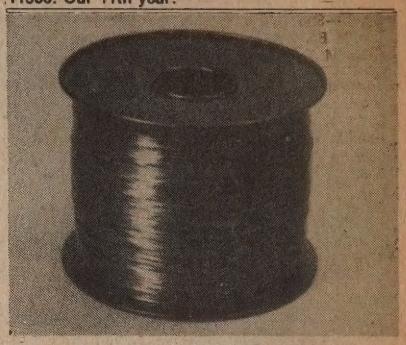

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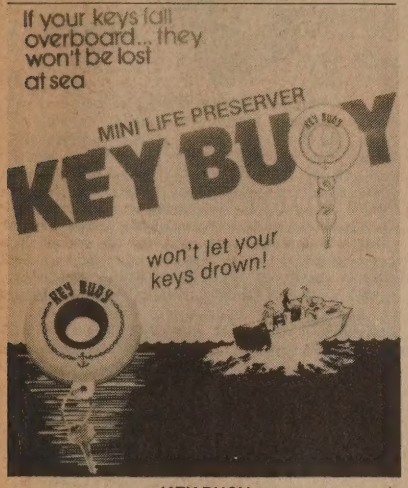


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| DAY | SANDY HOOK AM | SANDY HOOK PM | BREAKWATER HARBOR AM | BREAKWATER HARBOR PM | NEW YORK AM | NEW YORK PM | NEW LONDON AM | NEW LONDON PM | WILLETS POINT AM | WILLETS POINT PM | BRIDGEPORT AM | BRIDGEPORT PM | NEWPORT AM | NEWPORT PM | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| THURS. | 9:25 | 9:45 | 10:20 | 10:35 | 10:05 | 10:25 | 11:05 | 11:15 | 1:00 | 1:30 | 12:30 | 1:00 | 9:20 | 9:35 | 4/28 |
| FRI. | 10:05 | 10:25 | 11:00 | 11:15 | 10:50 | 11:05 | 11:50 | — | 1:35 | 2:10 | 1:10 | 1:45 | 10:00 | 10:20 | 4/29 |
| SAT. | 10:45 | 11:05 | 11:45 | — | 11:40 | 11:55 | 12:00 | 12:35 | 2:10 | 2:50 | 1:55 | 2:25 | 10:45 | 11:05 | 4/30 |
| SUN. | 11:30 | 11:50 | 12:00 | 12:30 | — | 12:30 | 12:45 | 1:20 | 2:40 | 3:30 | 2:40 | 3:10 | 11:30 | 11:50 | 5/1 |
| MON. | — | 12:20 | 12:45 | 1:15 | 12:40 | 1:20 | 1:30 | 2:15 | 3:15 | 4:15 | 3:25 | 4:00 | — | 12:20 | 5/2 |
| TUES. | 12:35 | 1:10 | 1:35 | 2:15 | 1:25 | 2:10 | 2:25 | 3:10 | 4:00 | 5:10 | 4:10 | 4:50 | 12:40 | 1:15 | 5/3 |
| WED. | 1:25 | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:15 | 2:10 | 3:00 | 3:20 | 4:15 | 4:50 | 6:20 | 5:05 | 5:40 | 1:35 | 2:15 | 5/4 |
| THURS. | 2:15 | 2:55 | 3:25 | 4:10 | 3:05 | 3:55 | 4:20 | 5:10 | 5:50 | 7:20 | 6:00 | 6:35 | 2:35 | 3:10 | 5/5 |

## On Sandy Hook

| | |
|---|---|
| STATEN ISLAND | +0 27 |
| ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS | −0 01 |
| Red Bank, Navesink River | +1 48 |
| Long Branch | −0 34 |
| SHARK RIVER INLET | −0 18 |
| Shark River Basin | +0 27 |
| MANASQUAN INLET | −0 12 |
| Seaside Park | −0 33 |
| Mantoloking bridge | +5 34 |
| TOMS RIVER | +4 37 |
| Waretown | +2 33 |
| BARNEGAT LIGHT | −0 20 |
| Manahawkin Bridge | +2 33 |
| Beach Haven | +1 47 |
| LITTLE EGG INLET | −0 01 |
| Seven Islands | +0 12 |
| Graveling Point | +1 05 |
| Mullica River | +1 55 |
| Grassy Bay | +1 08 |
| ABSECON INLET | +0 14 |
| Atlantic City Pier | −0 26 |
| Great Egg Harbor Inlet | +0 12 |
| GREAT EGG HARBOR | +0 44 |
| CORSON INLET | +0 09 |
| TOWNSENDS INLET | +0 06 |
| HEREFORD INLET | +0 02 |
| Grassy Sound Bridge | +0 45 |
| Cape May Harbor | −0 02 |
| Rehobeth Beach | −0 07 |
| INDIAN RIVER INLET | +0 41 |
| SHINNECOCK INLET | −0 50 |
| Shinnecock Bay | +1 25 |
| East Quogue | +2 45 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +1 18 |
| Indian Reservation | +3 05 |
| MORICHES INLET | −0 56 |
| Smith's Point | +3 28 |
| Hart's Cove | +1 30 |
| Pontunk Point | +3 35 |
| Mastic Beach | +3 28 |
| FIRE ISLAND INLET | −0 38 |
| Democrat Point | −0 38 |
| Coast Guard Station | −0 19 |
| Fire Island Light | +0 47 |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | |
| Sayville (Brown Creek) | +3 39 |
| Heckscher State Park | +3 20 |
| Bay Shore | +2 23 |
| Babylon | +2 12 |
| Amityville | +2 21 |
| JONES INLET | −0 19 |
| Zachs Bay | +1 25 |
| Seaford Harbor | +2 05 |
| Freeport Creek | +0 34 |
| E. ROCKAWAY INLET | −0 06 |
| Long Beach Bridge | +0 19 |
| ROCKAWAY INLET | 0 00 |
| Beach Channel Bridge | +0 38 |
| J.F.K. Airport | +0 26 |

## On Bridgeport

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyd Point | +0 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | +0 08 |
| Bayville Bridge | +0 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point | +0 03 |
| Northport Bay | +0 03 |
| Norwalk Islands | +0 10 |
| Smithtown Bay | +0 08 |
| Cranes Neck Point | +0 05 |
| Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance | +0 03 |
| New Haven Harbor | +0 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | +0 05 |
| Herod Point | −0 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet | +0 05 |
| Horton Point | −0 20 |
| Truman Beach | −0 42 |
| Falkner Island | −0 13 |
| Sachem Head | −0 10 |
| Branford Harbor | −0 07 |
| New Haven Harbor entrance | −0 08 |
| Milford Harbor | −0 07 |
| Stratford, Housatonic River | +0 27 |
| Shelton, Housatonic River | +1 36 |
| Black Rock Harbor entrance | −0 03 |
| Saugatuck River entrance | −0 01 |
| South Norwalk | +0 10 |
| Greens Ledge | −0 01 |
| Stamford | +0 04 |
| Cos Cob Harbor | +0 06 |
| Greenwich | +0 02 |

## On New London

| | |
|---|---|
| Orient | +0 36 |
| Little Gull Is. (Race) | +0 12 |
| Greenport | +1 04 |
| Southold | +1 43 |
| New Suffolk | +2 26 |
| South Jamesport | +2 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +2 33 |
| Noyack Bay | +2 05 |
| Sag Harbor | +0 59 |
| Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay | +0 21 |
| Promised Land, Napeague Bay | −0 14 |
| Montauk Inlet | −0 25 |
| Montauk Point, north side | −1 13 |
| Niantic | +1 20 |
| Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound | −0 33 |
| Noank, Mystic River ent. | −0 23 |
| THAMES RIVER | |
| Smith Cove entrance | −0 01 |
| Norwich | +0 12 |
| CONNECTICUT RIVER | |
| Saybrook Jetty | +1 10 |
| Lyme, highway bridge | +1 24 |
| Essex | +1 38 |
| East Haddam | +2 41 |
| Higganum Creek | +2 54 |

## On Willets Point

| | |
|---|---|
| Little Neck Bay | −0 10 |
| Execution Light | 0 06 |
| Manhasset Bay | −0 01 |
| Hempstead Harbor | −0 11 |
| City Island | −0 03 |
| Rye Beach | −0 28 |
| Port Chester | −0 09 |
| Mamaroneck | −0 08 |
| New Rochelle | −0 24 |
| Davids Island | −0 02 |

## On Breakwater Harbor

| | |
|---|---|
| CAPE MAY POINT | −0 10 |
| Miami Beach | +0 17 |
| East Pt., Maurice River Cove | +0 53 |
| Egg Island Point | +0 33 |
| Cape Henlopen | −0 05 |
| ROOSEVELT INLET | +0 09 |
| Mispillion River entrance | +0 33 |

## On New York

| | |
|---|---|
| Jersey City | +0 07 |
| George Washington Bridge | +0 46 |
| Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge | +0 58 |
| Ossining | +1 53 |
| Peekskill | +2 24 |
| West Point | +3 16 |
| Newburgh | +3 42 |

## On Newport

| | |
|---|---|
| Sakonnet | −1 10 |
| Tiverton (between bridges) | +0 21 |
| Beavertail Point | −0 02 |
| Prudence Is., Sandy Point | +1 10 |
| Bristol | +1 10 |
| Warren | +0 21 |
| Nayatt Point | +0 12 |
| Pawtucket, Seekonk River | +0 21 |
| East Greenwich | +0 16 |
| Wickford | +0 12 |
| Narragansett Pier | −0 08 |
| Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge | −0 07 |
| BLOCK ISLAND | |
| Great Salt Pond | +0 05 |
| Block Island (Old Harbor) | −0 14 |
| Watch Hill Point | +0 44 |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| DAY / DATE: | RISE: | SET: |
|---|---|---|
| THU. 4/28 | 6:01 | 7:54 |
| FRI. 4/29 | 6:00 | 7:55 |
| SAT. 4/30 | 5:58 | 7:56 |
| SUN. 5/1 | 5:57 | 7:57 |
| MON. 5/2 | 5:55 | 7:59 |
| TUE. 5/3 | 5:54 | 8:00 |
| WED. 5/4 | 5:52 | 8:01 |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| DAY / DATE: | RISE: | SET: |
|---|---|---|
| THU. 4/28 | 9:29PM | 6:58AM |
| FRI. 4/29 | 10:33PM | 7:32AM |
| SAT. 4/30 | 11:33PM | 8:10AM |
| SUN. 5/1 | — | 8:54AM |
| MON. 5/2 | 12:28AM | 9:43AM |
| TUE. 5/3 | 1:17AM | 10:36AM |
| WED. 5/4 | 1:59AM | 11:33AM |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 5/12 | 5/19 | 5/26 | 5/5 |

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

| | AM | | PM | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minor | Major | Minor | Major |
| Thurs. | 6:20 | 12:05 | 6:45 | 12:35 |
| Fri. | 7:15 | 1:05 | 7:45 | 1:30 |
| Sat. | 8:10 | 2:00 | 8:40 | 2:25 |
| Sun. | 9:05 | 2:55 | 9:35 | 3:20 |
| Mon. | 10:00 | 3:50 | 10:30 | 4:15 |
| Tues. | 10:50 | 4:40 | 11:20 | 5:05 |
| Wed. | 11:45 | 5:35 | — | 6:00 |
| Thurs. | 12:15 | 6:25 | 12:35 | 6:50 |

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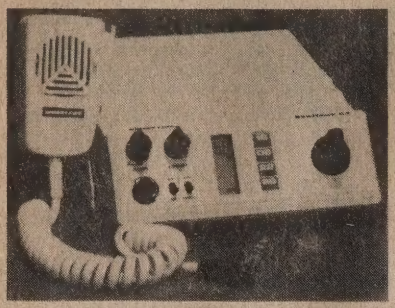

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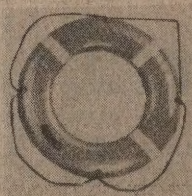

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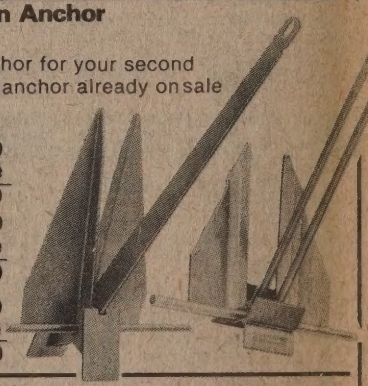

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